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Elizabeth L. Chase, Assistant Clerk

SELECTMEN

Joseph M. Markham, Chairman George V. Moore, Clerk
Frank C. Harmon
Juliet Everett Allen, Secretary

TREASURER

Leslie C. Wells

ASSESSORS

Charles A. Mullin Frank E. Harlow
Alfred P. Richardson

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Joseph M. Markham, Chiirman George V. Moore
Frank C. Harmon
John T. Bresnahan, Agent
Doris M. Hanigan, Social Worker

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Theodore W. Barry

TOWN COUNSEL

George L. Wilson

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paul K. McGuane, Chairman Warren A. Winslow, Clerk
Donald R. Griffin

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Rodney D. Kidder, Chairman
William J. N. Cornellier
Paul F. Gardner
John L. Bean, Superintendent

BOARD OF HEALTH

Edward B. Hopkins, M.D., Chairman
Henry T. Smith
George L. Donahue

AUDITORS

Frank C. Harmon
Henry G. Turner
Benjamin F. Taft

PARK COMMISSIONERS

James S. Draper
Paul P. Durette
William W. Briggs, Jr.

TREE WARDEN

James S. Draper

CONSTABLES

Earl R. Pillman
Walter F. Picard
O. Hartwell Kidder
Delwin B. Rockwood

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Ralph H. Richardson

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W. Stanley Livingston
Edwin B. Coltin
Herbert L. Hardy (resigned)
James S. Harvey
Arnold W. Shattuck

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Edward J. Halleran
Ralph H. Wylie
William J. Donlon
Theodore W. Barry

ENGINEERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jeremiah J. Murray
George L. Donahue
Joseph E. Pedrazzi

WEIGHERS OF COAL

Donald F. Robbins
Fred Armstrong, Jr.

WEIGHERS OF HAY, GRAIN, COAL, HIDES, etc.

Eleanor C. Gardner
Leon Boyea

WEIGHERS OF HIDES AND COMMODITIES

Arthur Judge, Joseph Kocsis, Benjamin F. Taft,
Henry Reichert, Patsy DiMauro, John Conway, Vernon F. Wood

WEIGHERS OF ROPE

Waldo M. Farnsworth
Francis Lavalley

MEASURERS OF LEATHER

Norman Therrien
Harold Miller
Gordon W. Jefferson, Jr.
Frank Schwartz

MEASURERS OF LUMBER, WOOD AND BARK

William Seger
William Legree

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Harry L. Wood

LOCAL SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK

James S. Draper

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Winiford A. Bean

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Walter F. Picard
Earl R. Pillman
James J. Curran
Paul L. Boisseau

FOREST WARDEN

George L. Donahue

BURIAL AGENT

H. Louis Farmer

VETERANS' AGENT

Joseph M. Markham

DOG OFFICER

Edward O'Brien

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 6, 1950

WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Middlesex, ss.
To Any Constable of the Town of Ayer,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ayer qualified to vote in town elections and affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Ayer on Monday, the sixth day of March, A.D., 1950, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article. To vote on one ballot for the following town officers: Moderator, Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years, one Assessor for three years, Treasurer, Tax Collector, four Constables, one Auditor for three years, Tree Warden, one Park Commissioner for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, one Trustee of the Ayer Library for three years, one Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years, one member of the Board of Health for three years, one member of the Board of Public Works for three years, one member of the Board of Public Works for two years, one member of the Board of Public Works for one year.

The polls will be opened at 8.05 A.M. and will be closed at 7 P.M.

And you are further directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ayer qualified to vote in town elections and affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Ayer on Tuesday, the seventh day of March at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the several town officers and committees that may be ready to report

and take any action thereon.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1950, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate money for (1) Welfare (Outdoor Relief); (2) Welfare (Indoor Relief); (3) Aid to Dependent Children; (4) A.D.C. Administration; (5) Old Age Assistance; (6) O.A.A. Administration; (7) Band Concerts; (8) Board of Assessors; (9) Board of Health; (10) Board of Selectmen; (11) Chapter 90—Maintenance; (12) Chapter 90—New Construction; (13) Community Memorial Hospital; (14) Fire Department; (15) Forest Warden; (16) Highway Department; (17) Insurance; (18) Interest; (19) Joseph M. Connors Post #139 American Legion; (20) Library; (21) Memorial Day; (22) Miscellaneous; (23) Moderator; (24) Moth Suppression; (25) Notes and Bonds; (26) Police Department; (27) Premium on Bonds; (28) Public Dump; (29) Recreation Playground; (30) Registrars of Voters; (31) Road Machinery; (32) Schools; (33) Sealer of Weights and Measures; (34) Sidewalks—Maintenance; (35) Sidewalks—Extensions; (36) Snow Removal; (37) Soldiers' Graves; (38) Street Lighting; (39) Tax Collector; (40) Town Clerk; (41) Treasurer; (42) Tree Warden; (43) Tree Planting; (44) Veterans' Benefits; (45) Vocational Training; (46) Water Department and all other necessary Town charges and incidental expenses for the ensuing year or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate its share toward the Middlesex County Sanatorium, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to implement the Town Treasurer who, under the provisions of Section 50 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, shall institute proceedings for foreclosure of tax titles as soon as such proceedings are authorized by Sections 62 and 65 of Chapter 60, or take any action thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for care of patients at Middlesex County Sanatorium, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors, with the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, to use unappropriated funds in the treasury for the reduction of taxes during the current year, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to continue to put the Town Park into proper condition for baseball, softball, football and maintain the same, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $2,615.00 to be paid to the Treasurer of the Middlesex County Retirement System in accordance with provision of the General Laws, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Binding of Records, to take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($750.00) to settle claim of Leonard F. Riggs for personal injuries, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to lay an eight-inch water main from the intersection of Snake Hill Road and Wright Road east along Wright Road a distance of five hundred (500) feet or more or less and to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen and the Board of Public Works, to borrow money therefor in accordance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws,

take any action thereon or in relation thereto (estimated cost $3,000.00).

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to lay an eight inch water main from a point on Sandy Pond Road near the land of John V. Henry along Sandy Pond Road and Willows Road to the Littleton town line at Pingryville a distance of fifty-nine hundred feet (5900′) more or less and to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen and Board of Public Works, to borrow money therefor in accordance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws, take any action thereon or in relation thereto (estimated cost ($25,500.00).

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 to be used under the Fire Engineers' direction for an addition to the rear of the Fire Station, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to amend or supplement its By-Laws by adding thereto the following section, to be known as Section 21 of Article 7 of the By-Laws, the same to become effective upon approval by the Attorney-General and publication in accordance with law: Section 21. Beggars, Solicitors, and Peddlers. No person unless otherwise authorized shall go from place to place within the Town selling or bartering or carrying for sale or barter or exposing therefor or taking orders therefor any goods, wares or merchandise, nor shall any person go from place to place within the Town begging or soliciting alms or contributions for any person, cause or organization, either on foot or from any animal or vehicle without having first recorded his name and address with the Chief of Police and furnished such other information as may be requested of him. The Chief of Police shall thereupon, issue a permit for a period not exceeding twelve months, which must be shown on request, and shall state that said person has duly registered and is entitled to go from place to place within the Town for the purpose specified. The Chief of Police may, however, authorize the director of any religious organization within the Town to solicit such contributions, etc. without each solicitor under his direction registered."

Article 17. To see if the Town will appropriate from funds available in the Sewer Fund a sum of money for

Sewerage Maintenance, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will appropriate from funds in the Sewer Account the sum of $9,750.00 for the retirement of Sewer Bonds, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Traffic Signs, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Town Clerk to omit the cause of death from the Vital Statistics published in the Town Report, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Town Hall Repairs, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Town Infirmary Repairs, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for a New Cruiser and Equipment for the Police Department, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for maintenance of the Police Radio, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee to investigate the erection of a suitable memorial to commemorate the services of persons who served in the military or naval service of the United States in World War II and report its recommendations at the next annual town meeting or take any action thereon.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to amend or supplement its By-Laws by adding thereto the following section, to be known as Section 7 of Article II of the By-Laws, the same to become effective upon approval by the Attorney-General and publication in accordance with law: "Section 7. No contract

for construction work or for the purchase of apparatus, supplies or materials, whether for repairs or original construction, the estimated cost of which amounts to five hundred dollars or more, except in cases of a special emergency involving the health or safety of the people or their property, shall be awarded unless proposals for the same have been invited by an advertisement in a newspaper published in the town, said publication to be at least one week before the time specified for the opening of said proposals. Said advertisement shall state the time and place where plans and specifications of proposed work or supplies may be had and the time and place for opening the proposals in answer to said advertisement, and shall reserve to the city the right to reject any or all such proposals, All such proposals shall be opened in public. No bill or contract shall be split or divided for the purpose of evading any provisions of this section."

Article 27. To see if the Town will, in accordance with the action taken by the Town under Article 14 of the warrant for the special town meeting of May 3, 1949, vote to adopt and retain the parking meters, or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 28. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to accept a surrender of the lease of the upper Town Hall granted to United Service Organizations, Inc., or take any action thereon.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to let or lease the upper Town Hall, in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, to the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, under such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may determine, or take any action thereon.

Article 30. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for unpaid bills of the Board of Health, Care of Patients, Fire Department, Street Lighting, Recreation Playground and Welfare (Outdoor Relief), take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 31. To see if the Town will instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee to revise the By-Laws of the Town, suggest additions thereto, and amendments thereof and report at some future meeting, or take any action thereon.

Article 32. To see if the Town will amend Article II of the By-Laws of the Town of Ayer by striking out in Section 2 the words "money paid on account of the water works" and the words "no money shall be paid on account of the water works without a warrant therefor signed by a majority of the Water Commissioners" and by striking out in Section 3 the words "except those of the Water Department which shall be in the custody of the Water Commissioners," so said sections shall read as follows: "Section 2. No money shall be paid from the Treasury without a warrant therefor signed by a majority of the Selectmen, except State and County taxes, and any other payments required by law to be made by the Treasurer." "Section 3. The Treasurer shall have the custody of all receipted bills and receipts, of all notes, bonds, and coupons which have been paid, and of all bonds running to the Town except his own official bond, which shall be in the custody of the Town Clerk," take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 33. To see if the Town will direct the abandonment of the public airport at and within the location known as Fort Devens Airport, direct the conveying of the land within the said location known as Fort Devens, by deed without warranty to the United States of America, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 34. To see if the Town will appropriate from funds in the Meter Maintenance account the sum of $1,600.00 for Meter Maintenance, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 35. To see if the Town will instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee to revise the annual Town Report, suggest additions thereto and amend thereof and report same at a future Town meeting, or take any action thereon.

Article 36. To see if the Town will grant an easement to Wachusett Electric Company to construct, maintain, operate and patrol lines of towers or poles and wires or cables strung therefrom across the land of the Town of Ayer Water Department situated southerly of Grove Pond and across the island in Grove Pond being part of the Town Park, and authorize the Board of Public Works to execute a deed therefor for such consideration and on such terms as they may determine, or take any action thereon.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three or more public places in said Ayer, one of which shall be the Town Hall, seven days at least before the date appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk before the date of said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighth day of February, A.D., 1950.

JOSEPH M. MARKHAM,
HOUGHTON B. PRIEST
GEORGE V. MOORE,
Board of Selectmen of Ayer.

A true copy:
Attest: WALTER F. PICARD, Constable.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 6-7, 1950

As directed in the foregoing warrant the voters assembled in the Town Hall on Monday, March 6, 1950 and were called to order by the Moderator at eight o'clock A. M. The warrant as far as Article 1 and the Constable's Return were read by the Town Clerk and it was then voted to dispense with reading the balance of the warrant. The following voters presented certificates of appointment as Election Officers and were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Moderator: William J. Donlon, Harry R. Draper, Ferne R. Halleran, Eva J. Hyde, Ralph O. Jenkins, O. Hartwell Kidder, Mary W. McGuane, Ida K. Naparstek, Harold L. Pillman, William N. Scruton, Irene E. Sheain, Richard E. Sylvester and Dorothy M. Wiseman: the Town Clerk delivered 2000 Ballots and 100 Specimen Ballots to the Moderator, the ballot box was shown to be empty, the register set at zero and then locked and the keys delivered to O. Hartwell Kidder who served as officer at the polls. The polls were declared open at 8:05 A. M. and at 7:00 P. M., after due notice were declared closed. At 1 o'clock P. M. and at other times during the day in the presence of the Moderator, the Town Clerk and the Election Officers the

ballot box was opened and 1302 ballots taken therefrom. At the close of the polls both check lists were examined and showed that 1302 names of voters had been checked as having received ballots and as having voted.

At the completion of counting and tabulation by the Tellers and Town Clerk the voting lists, all ballots cast and uncast were sealed in separate packages and attested by a majority of the Election Officers. At 9:50 P. M. the results of the voting were announced by the Town Clerk as follows:

MODERATOR

Ralph H. Richardson, 1005 votes, and he was declared elected.
Blanks, 297.

TOWN CLERK

Theodore W. Barry, 1090 votes, and he was declared elected.
Blanks, 212.

SELECTMAN—THREE YEARS

Frank C. Harmon, 763 votes, and he was declared elected.
Herbert L. Hardy, 506 votes.
Blanks, 33.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE—Three Years

Frank C. Harmon, 753 votes, and he was declared elected.
Herbert L. Hardy, 506 votes
Blanks, 43.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS—One Year

Paul F. Gardner, 613 votes, and he was declared elected.
Joseph E. Cass, 412 votes.
H. Irwin Pillman, 177 votes.
Scattering, 1 vote.
Blanks, 99.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS—Two Years

Rodney D. Kidder, 609 votes, and he was declared elected.
Homer G. Davenport, 585 votes.
Scattering, 1 vote.
Blanks, 107.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS—Three Years

William J. N. Cornellier, 613 votes, and he was declared elected.
George L. Bixby, 338 votes.
Robert B. Winslow, 282 votes.
Blanks, 69.

TOWN TREASURER

Leslie C. Wells, 1114 votes, and he was declared elected.
Blanks, 188.

ASSESSOR—Three Years

Alfred P. Richardson, 1060 votes, and he was declared elected.
Blanks, 242.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

Theodore W. Barry, 1028 votes, and he was declared elected.
Blanks, 274.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE—Three Years

Donald R. Griffin, 875 votes and he was declared elected.
Timothy L. O'Keefe, Jr., 224 votes,
Hugh H. Thompson, 132 votes.
Blanks, 71.

BOARD OF HEALTH—Three Years

George L. Donahue, 1071 votes, and he was declared elected.
Blanks, 231.

AUDITOR—Three Years

Benjamin F. Taft, 989 votes, and he was declared elected.
Blanks, 313.

LIBRARY TRUSTEE—Three Years

Herbert H. Proctor, 832 votes, and he was declared elected.
Rachel T. Bastian, 342 votes.
Blanks, 128.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Three Years

Paul P. Durette, Sr., 1024 votes, and he was declared elected.
Scattering, 1 vote.
Blanks, 277.

TREE WARDEN

James S. Draper, 705 votes, and he was declared elected.
Alphy J. Martell, 517 votes.
Blanks, 80.

COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC FUNDS—Three Years

Kendall V. Pierce, 1048 votes, and he was declared elected.
Blanks, 254.

CONSTABLES

Earl R. Pillman, 1026 votes.
Walter F. Picard, 975 votes.
O. Hartwell Kidder, 947 votes.
Delwin B. Rockwood, 850 votes, and they were declared elected.
Norbert F. Willis, 446 votes.
Scattering, 1 vote.
Blanks, 963.

At 10:15 P. M. Voted to stand adjourned until Tuesday, March 7th at seven o'clock P. M.

March 7, 1950

It had been ruled by the Moderator that only Registered Voters were to be admitted to the Annual Town Meeting and consequently on March 7th the doors were opened at 6:30 P. M. with duly appointed Tellers, Ida Naparstek and Richard E. Sylvester, to check on the voting list all those desiring to attend the meeting.

The assemblage was called to order at 7:00 P. M. by the Moderator and prayers were offered by Rev. William J. McCarthy, of St. Mary's Church.

All present stood in silence for a short time in Memory of the late Mr. Elwin H. Longley who served the Town as Selectman for five years—1918, 1921, 1922, 1923 and 1927—and as Commissioner of Trust Funds in the years 1922 and 1923.

Article 1. Voted: To amend the Town Report, page 34, line 6, to read $115,000. instead of $115.00 as printed; and to accept the reports of the several town officers, as amended, as printed in the Annual Town Report.

Article 2. Voted Unanimously: That the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow a sum not exceeding Fifty Thousand Dollars ($50,000.00) from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1950, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 3. Voted Unanimously: That the annual rate of all salaries for the year 1950, retroactive to January 1st, shall be the same as last year except that the salary of the Tax Collector shall be increased $100., that of the Treasurer $100., and that of each Assessor $100.

Article 4. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the following sums for the Departments, Agencies, Officers and Purposes for the ensuing year:

Welfare (Outdoor Relief)	$ 3,000.00
Welfare (Indoor Relief)	3,900.00
Aid to Dependent Children	4,000.00
A.D.C. Administration	300.00
Old Age Assistance	40,000.00
O.A.A. Administration	1,310.00
Band Concerts	800.00
Board of Assessors	1,700.00
Board of Health	3,600.00
Board of Selectmen	2,595.00
Chapter 90—Maintenance, $2,000.00 and in addition authorize the transfer of the sum of $4,000.00 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's and County's shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from State and County to be restored upon their receipt to such unappropriated available funds in the treasury	2,000.00
Chapter 90—New Construction, $2,500.00 for new construction on West Main Street and in addition authorize the transfer of the sum of $7,500.00 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's and County's	

shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State and County to be restored upon their receipt to such unappropriated available funds in the treasury	2,500.00
New construction on Park Street and Joseph M. Connors Square	1,625.00
Community Memorial Hospital	500.00
Fire Equipment	10,300.00
Forest Warden	500.00
Highway Department	15,500.00
Insurance	1,670.00
Interest	6,250.00
Joseph M. Connors Post #139	300.00
Ayer Library	2,500.00
Memorial Day, $150. to be expended under the direction of George V. Barrett Camp, S. of U.V. of C.W., Joseph M. Connors Post #139 A.L. and Devens Post #3132 V.F.W.	150.00
Town Incidentals	6,500.00
Moderator	50.00
Moth Suppression	1,000.00
Notes and Bonds	13,250.00
Police Department	15,000.00
Premium on Bonds	426.00
Public Dump	550.00
Recreation Playground—Voted: That a committee of three, consisting of the Superintendent of Public Works, One member of the Board of Selectmen and One member of the Advisory Committee be appointed by the Moderator to Investigate the set-up of Recreational Playground and report its findings and recommendations at the next meeting; and that no appropriation be made at this time.	
Registrars of Voters	850.00
Road Machinery	600.00
Schools: $136,735.00, plus refunds of the Dog Taxes	136,735.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	300.00
Sidewalks—Maintenance	1,000.00
Sidewalks—Extensions	500.00

Snow Removal	3,500.00
Soldiers' Graves	250.00
Street Lighting	9,180.00
Tax Collector, $2,575.00, $50.00 of which shall be for tax-taking costs	2,575.00
Town Clerk	1,965.00
Town Treasurer	1,465.00
Tree Planting, $400.00 to be expended under the direction of the Tree Warden	400.00
Tree Warden	1,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00
Vocational Training	2,000.00
Water Department	22,595.00

Article 5. Voted Unanimously: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,942.31 for the Middlesex County Sanatorium.

Article 6. Voted Unanimously: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 to implement the Town Treasurer, who, under the provisions of Section 50 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, shall institute proceedings for foreclosure of Tax Titles as soon as such proceedings are authorized by Sections 62 and 65 of Chapter 60.

Article 7. Voted Unanimously: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for Care of Patients at Middlesex County Sanitorium.

Article 8. Voted Unanimously: That the Town authorize the Assessors, with the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, to use unappropriated funds in the treasury for the reduction of taxes during the coming year.

Article 9. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars ($6,000.00) to further construct and maintain a recreation field at Nutting's Grove, now known as Ayer Town Park and that the present committee be empowered to supervise the construction.

Article 10. Voted Unanimously: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $2,615.00 to be paid to the treasurer of the Middlesex County Retirement System.

Article 11. Voted Unanimously: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the Binding of Records, etc.

Article 12. Voted Unanimously: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $750.00 to settle claim of Leonard F. Riggs for personal injuries.

Article 13. Voted Unanimously: That the town raise and appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars ($3,000.00) for the purpose of laying out a water main eight inches in diameter from the intersection of Snake Hill Road and Wright Road eastward along Wright Road's a distance of five hundred (500 feet more or less and that the treasurer be and hereby is authorized to borrow therefor, with the approval of the Selectmen and the Board of Public Works, the sum of $3,000.00 under authority of and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws; and to issue bonds or notes payable in not more than fifteen years therefrom or at such earlier dates as they may determine.

Article 14. Indefinitely Postponed.

Article 15. Voted Unanimously: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 to be used under the Fire Engineers direction for an addition to the rear of the Fire Station.

Article 16. Consideration of this article was postponed until after action on Article 31 and it was then voted to refer this suggested by-law to the committee appointed under Article 31.

Article 17. Voted Unanimously: That the Town appropriate from available funds in the Sewer Fund the sum of $3,310.00 for Sewer Maintenance.

Article 18. Voted Unanimously: That the Town appropriate from available funds of the Sewer Account the sum of $9,750.00 for the retirement of Sewer Bonds.

Article 19. Voted Unanimously: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 for Traffic Signs.

Article 20. Voted: That the Town instruct the Town

Clerk to omit the cause of death from the Vital Statistics published in the Town Report.

Article 21.* Voted Unanimously: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 for Town Hall Repairs, including building and furnishings.

Article 22. Voted Unanimously: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,200.00 for Town Infirmary Repairs.

Article 23. Voted Unanimously: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 for a New Cruiser and Equipment for the Police Department.

Article 24. Voted Unanimously: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $857.00 for the Maintenance of the Police Radio.

Article 25. Voted Unanimously: That the Town instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee to investigate the erection of a suitable memorial to commemorate the services of persons who served in the military or naval service of the United States in World War II and report its recommendations at the next annual town meeting.

Article 26. Voted: That this article be postponed unti after action on Article 31. It was then voted to refer this proposed by-law to the committee appointed under Article 31.

Article 27. Voted Unanimously: That the Town, in accordance with the action taken by it under Article 14 of the Warrant for the special town meeting of May 3, 1949, adopt and retain the parking meters.

Article 28. Voted Unanimously: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to accept a surrender of the lease of the Upper Town Hall granted to United Service Organization, Inc.

Article 29. Voted: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to let or lease the Upper Town Hall, in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, to the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association, under such terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall determine.

Article 30. Voted Unanimously: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $342.98 for the Board of Health;

the sum of $46.50 for Care of Patients; the sum of $25.00 for Recreational Playground; the sum of $29.92 for Welfare (O.R.) and the sum of $1,022.03 for Street Lighting, these being unpaid bills of the year 1949, also the sum of $176.80 for the Fire Department.

Article 31. Voted: That the Town instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three, one of whom shall be an attorney-at-law, to revise the by-laws of the Town, suggest additions thereto and amendments thereof and report at the next Town Meeting.

Article 32. Voted: To refer this article to the committee appointed under Article 31.

Article 33. Voted Unanimously: That the Town direct the abandonment of the public airport at and within the location known as Fort Devens Airport, direct the conveying of the land within the said location known as Fort Devens, by deed without warranty to the United States of America.

Article 34. Voted Unanimously: That the Town appropriate from funds in the Meter Maintenance Account the sum of $1,600.00 for Meter Maintenance.

Article 35. Voted Unanimously: That the Town instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to revise the Annual Town Report, suggest additions thereto and amendments thereof and report at a future town meeting.

Article 36. Voted Unanimously: That the Town grant an easement to the Wachusett Electric Company to construct, maintain, operate and patrol lines of towers or poles and wires or cables strung therefrom across the land of the Town of Ayer Water Department situated southerly of Grove Pond and across the island in Grove Pond being part of the Town Park, and authorize the Board of Public Works to execute a deed therefor for such consideration and on such terms as they may determine.

Voted to Adjourn at 10:34 P. M.

THEODORE W. BARRY,
Town Clerk.

In accordance with the instructions voted at the Annual Meeting the following committees appointments were made by the Moderator.

Article 25. MEMORIAL: Juliet E. Allen, James S. Harvey, Dr. Edmund L. Hyde, Arnold W. Shattuck, E. Stuart Wells.

Article 31. BY-LAWS: Judge Lyman E. Clark, Joseph M. Markham, Eugene E. Smith.

Article 35. TOWN REPORT: Houghton B. Priest, Dr. Ralph H. Wylie, Luther K. Yoder.

THEODORE W. BARRY,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

April 25, 1950

WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

To Any Constable of the Town of Ayer,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ayer qualified to vote in town elections and affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Ayer on Tuesday, the twenty-fifth day of April, 1950, at eight o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will sell to Joseph P. Sullivan & Co. for the sum of one hundred dollars or any other amount the following land now owned by the Town, viz.: A parcel of land located on the easterly side of Barnum Road and bounded and described as follows; Beginning at the intersection of the easterly line of Barnum Road at the boundry line of Fort Devens, said boundary being also the boundary line of Harvard and Ayer, and also the boundary line of Worces-

ter County and Middlesex County; thence South 67° East along said boundary line to the high water mark of the Brook; thence Easterly and Northerly by the westerly high water mark of said Brook to the Easterly line of Barnum Road; thence in a southerly direction by the Easterly line of Barnum Road to the point of beginning, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will authorize the purchase of the land and buildings thereon on Park Street owned by Joseph J. Pillsbury for the use of the Board of Public Works of the Town, raise and appropriate the sum of $9,950.00 for the purchase price thereof, and to meet said appropriation to raise in the tax levy of the current year the sum of $1,950.00 and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow the sum of $8,000.00 in accordance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor payable in not more than ten years from the date of the first bond or note or at such earlier date as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine or take any action thereon.

Article 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the hospital and medical bills of Joseph J. Raffles for injuries sustained while working in the highway department, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money in addition to what was raised and appropriated at the last annual meeting for the purpose of painting the buildings at the Town Farm a second coat, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for unpaid bills of 1948 of the Moth Suppression Department, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three or more public places in said Ayer, one of which shall be the Town Hall, seven days before the day appointed for said meeting. Hereof fail not and

make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of April, A. D., 1950.

JOSEPH M. MARKHAM,
GEORGE V. MOORE,
FRANK C. HARMON,
Board of Selectmen of Ayer.

A true copy.
Attest: WALTER F. PICARD, Constable.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

April 25, 1950

As directed in the foregoing warrant the voters of Ayer assembled in the Town Hall, on Tuesday, April 25, 1950 and were called to order by the moderator at eight o'clock P. M. The warrant was read by the Town Clerk and the following action taken.

The presence of a quorum was determined by a standing count which showed 97 votes present, and the meeting proceeded.

Article 1. Unanimously voted: That the Town sell to Joseph P. Sullivan & Co. for the sum of $100.00 the following land now owned by the Town, viz: A parcel of land now located on the easterly side of Barnum Road and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the easterly line of Barnum Road at the boundary line of Fort Devens, said boundary being also the boundary line of Harvard and Ayer, and also the boundary line of Worcester County and Middlesex County; thence South 67° East along said boundary line to the high water mark of the Brook: thence easterly and Northerly by the westerly high water mark of said Brook to the easterly line of Barnum Road: thence in a southerly direction by the Easterly line of Barnum Road to the point of beginning, and the Selectmen are hereby directed, authorized and empowered to execute and deliver a deed thereof for and in behalf of the Town of Ayer.

Article 2. Voted by a rising vote, yes 81, no 2: That the Town purchase the land with buildings thereon situated on the westerly side of Park Street and owned by Joseph J. Pillsbury for the use of the Board of Public Works of the Town, said land being bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Southeasterly corner of said land at a point in the westerly line of Park Street at land now or formerly of Angell: thence running N 85° 45′ W by said Angell land 250.65 feet to land now or formerly of the Fitchburg Railroad Company; thence running N 13° 45′ W. by said Railroad land 208.77 feet to land of Boston Consolidated Gas Company: thence running S 85° 45′ E by said Gas Company land 195 feet more or less to land retained by said Pillsbury: thence running southerly by land retained by said Pillsbury 40 feet more or less: thence running easterly by land retained by said Pillsbury 95 feet more or less to said westerly line of Park Street: thence running S 2° 39′ E by said westerly line of Park Street 160 feet to the point of beginning: being a portion of the premises shown on Plan No. 6564 A filed with Certificate of title No. 8582 and recorded in Book 57, Page 25, Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds, land Registration Division: and that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $9,950.00 for the purchase price of said land and buildings and to meet said appropriation, raise in the tax levy of the current year the sum of $1,950.00 and authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow the sum of $8,000.00 in accordance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor payable in not more than ten years from the date of the first bond or note or at such earlier dates as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine.

Article 3. Unanimously voted: That the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money, $552.94 to pay the hospital and medical bills of Joseph J. Raffles for injuries sustained while working in the highway department.

Article 4. Unanimously voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $375.00 in addition to what was raised and appropriated at the last annual meeting for the purpose of painting the house at the Town Farm a second coat.

Article 5. Failed to pass by a standing vote, Yes 6, No 51.

Voted to adjourn at 8:55 P. M.

THEODORE W. BARRY,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 15, 1950

WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

To Any Constable of the Town of Ayer,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ayer qualified to vote in town elections and affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Ayer on Thursday, the fifteenth day of June, A. D., 1950, at eight o'clock P. M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Sections 44, 45, and 46 of Chapter 117 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 293 of the Acts of 1950 or take any action thereon.

Article 2. To see if the Town will appropriate from funds in the treasury a sum of money to extend the 8″ water main on Pleasant Street a distance of 300 feet more or less, take any action thereon or in relation thereto (Estimated cost $1,200.00).

Article 3. To see if the Town will accept and allow that part of High Street as laid out by the Selectmen and reported to the town at said meeting or take any action thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will appropriate from funds in the treasury a sum of money for the repair and reconstruction of High Street from Winthrop Avenue eastward or take any action thereon.

Article 5. To see if the Town will accept the report of the committee appointed at the annual town meeting to revise the by-laws or take any action thereon.

Article 6. To see if the Town will rescind, amend or substitute its action taken on Article 33 at the Annual Town Meeting and take action on the following article:

Article 7. WHEREAS, by deed without warranty dated 30 December 1947, the United States of America, acting by and through the War Assets Administration did convey to the Town of Ayer, acting by and through the Ayer Airport Commission, certain land and improvements in the Town of Ayer, County of Middlesex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, known as "Fort Devens Army Airfield": and

WHEREAS, by supplementary deed without warranty dated April 20, 1948, the United States of America, acting by and through the War Assets Administration, did convey additional land and improvements and operating equipment to the Town of Ayer, acting by and through the Ayer Airport Commission, for use in connection with the aforementioned property known as "Fort Devens Army Airfield"; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance by the Town of Ayer of the aforementioned conveyances was made subject to certain covenants which run with the land and

WHEREAS, The Town of Ayer agreed to perform and/or assume certain obligations imposed pursuant to the authority of Article 4, Section 3, Clause 2, of the Constitution of the United States of America, the Surplus Property Act of 1944, as amended, Reorganization Plan One of 1947 (12 Fed. Reg. 4534) and applicable rules, regulations and orders, all as set forth in the aforesaid deeds; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Ayer Airport Commission that the Town of Ayer cannot comply with or meet the obligations and conditions required under the terms of the aforesaid conveyances, and it would be to the interest of the Town to abandon and to relinquish all interests in the public airport known as the "Fort Devens Army Airfield" and reconvey the premises to the United States in

consideration of obtaining a release from the United States, acting by and through the Civil Aeronautics Administration of all the Town's obligations under the aforesaid deeds; and

WHEREAS, The United States of America has agreed to accept a reconveyance of Fort Devens Army Airfield by the Town of Ayer;

NOW, THEREFORE, the purpose of this article is to see whether or not the Town of Ayer shall vote to authorize its Selectmen to relinquish and convey the Fort Devens Army Airfield together with all appurtenances and operating equipment to the United States of America in consideration of the United States (Civil Aeronautices Administration) releasing the Town of Ayer of all the obligations and the condition imposed under the terms of aforegoing deeds; and the Selectmen be authorized to sign, seal, acknowledge and deliver on behalf of the Town of Ayer a deed without warranty, stipulation and/or any other written instrument necessary to reconvey the Fort Devens Army Air Field to the United States of America.

Article 8. To see if the Town will appropriate from the Parking Meter Fund the sum of $1,400.00 for meter maintenance or take any action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Recreation Playground committee appointed at the last annual town meeting and appropriate from funds in the treasury a sum of money for removing the present buildings, erecting the new ones and for current upkeep of the grounds or take any action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Section 25, Chapter 82 of the General Laws relative to the laying of sewers and pipes in unaccepted ways.

Article 11. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health for necessary care and hospitalization of premature babies in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 601 of the Acts of 1949 and Chapter 111 of the General Laws, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting

attested copies thereof in three or more public places in said Ayer, one of which shall be the Town Hall, seven days at least before the day appointed for said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventh day of June, A. D., 1950.

JOSEPH M. MARKHAM,
GEORGE V. MOORE
FRANK C. HARMON,
Selectmen of Ayer.

A True Copy Attest:
DELWIN B. ROCKWOOD, Constable.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 15, 1950

As directed in the foregoing warrant the voters of Ayer assembled in the Town Hall on Thursday, June 15, 1950 at eight o'clock P. M. and were called to order by the Moderator. The Warrant and the Constable's Return were read by the Town Clerk and the following action taken:

The presence of a quorum was questioned and the Moderator appointed James R. Pender and Lincoln A. Wood tellers to count the voters in the hall. They Reported only forty-five voters present and as this was less than a quorum of sixty, it was voted to recess at 8:14 o'clock for twenty minutes.

The voters reassembled at 8:34 o'clock but there was still no quorum, only fifty voters being present. A motion to adjourn until Tuesday, June 20th was lost and a further recess of fifteen minutes was voted at 8:40 o'clock. When the meeting was again called to order at 8:40 o'clock a Teller's Count showes eighty voters present and as this constituted a quorum the consideration of the warrant proceeded.

Article 1. Unanimously Voted: That the Town accept the provisions of Sections 44, 45, and 46 of Chapter 117 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 293 of the Acts of 1950.

It was voted to consider Article 9 at this time.

Article 9. Voted: That the Town accept the following Report of the Recreation Playground Committee appointed at the last annual town meeting and that said report be incorporated in the Town Records and printed in the next Annual Town Report.

REPORT OF THE
RECREATION PLAYGOUND COMMITTEE

To the Board of Selectmen:

In compliance with a motion made under Article 4 of your annual town meeting of March 7, 1950 in reference to the Recreation Playground, Sandy Pond, the following report is hereby submitted.

There are two buildings located on the grounds. One is a shed used for men's toilet facilities. The second, the main building, is used for a ladies' dressing room and toilet facilities on one end, and on the other end for a men's dressing room.

We recommend that both buildings be torn down under the supervision of the Board of Public Works. All salvaged material is to be turned over to said Department of Public Work and stored at their garage on Park Street. This material is to be disposed of under their supervision, first, for construction of suitable bath houses; second, for the Fire Department's new addition and band stand; third, for any other town project deemed advisable by said department; fourth, balance of material to be sold at public bid.

The buildings are very impracticable for bath houses and theremoval of such under proper management and supervision will provide the town with approximately $750 worth of usable material.

We strongly urge that the above be accomplished prior to July 1 of this year.

In order to provide proper bath facilities, we recommend that two separate buildings of cement blocks, 12′ x 24′, be constructed, separated by a ten-foot space and covered with one common roof. The ladies' building is to consist of ap-

proximately twelve stalls and toilet facilities. The men's building is to have no stalls but is to have toilet facilities. The roof is to be of wood frame construction. All construction to be done under competitive bidding.

We feel that the new building should be located southeast of the present one to provide more parking facilities, which is a present handicap.

We also recommend that two individuals be chosen by the moderator to serve with the commissioners of public works in the fulfillment of all the above recommendations.

In order to accomplish any and all of these recommendations it will be necessary to appropriate money for removing present buildings, erecting the new ones and for current upkeep of the grounds.

The Committee:
GEORGE V. MOORE
JOHN L. BEAN,
HERBERT L. HARDY.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson and seconded to amend the above report by striking out in the third paragraph the words "under the supervision of the Board of Public Works" and substituting therefor the words "Under the Supervision of the Park Commission and School Committee" but the motion was lost.

It was then Voted: That the Town appropriate from funds in the treasury the sum of $2,800.00 for removing the present buildings, erecting new ones and for current upkeep of the grounds.

Article 2. It was voted to postpone action on this article until Article 10 was disposed of.

Article 3. Unanimously Voted: That the Town accept and allow that part of High Street as laid out by the Selectmen and reported to the Town at this meeting.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN
LAYING OUT EXTENSION OF HIGH STREET

We, the undersigned, Selectmen of the Town of Ayer, gave notice of our intention to lay out a town way to

be known as High Street, from Winthrop Avenue to Thornton Street, as shown on a plan hereinafter mentioned, such notice informing all persons interested that at our room in the Town Hall on the 6th day of June, 1950, at eight o'clock P. M., a hearing would be given thereon, and the owners of the land over which the town way be supposed to be laid out, and the persons owning the land abutting on said proposed street were given notices thereof, seven days at least before said meeting. And pursuant to said notice we met at the time and place appointed for the hearing and hear the remarks of all persons who desired to be heard, and there were no objections. And, having viewed and examined the route of said town way as hereinafter described, we do adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that said extension on High Street as hereinafter set forth, be laid out as a town way, and it is hereby so laid out.

The land over which said town way is laid out, and which is hereby accepted therefor, is described as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED EXTENSION OF HIGH STREET

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of a stone pier at the intersection of the northerly line of High Street with the easterly line of Winthrop Avenue at the southwesterly corner of Lot No. 88 as shown on "Plan of House Lots in Ayer, Mass. Laid out for Edward A. Richardson first addition to Nonacoicus Park. Horace C. Hovey, Surveyor", recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 5477, Page 572; thence running

S. 55° 45′ E. by said Lot No. 88, being land of Community Memorial Hospital, Inc., three hundred and twenty (320) feet, as shown on said plan, to a stone bound, at the southeasterly corner of said Lot No. 88; thence running S. 34° 15′ W. across said High Street forty (40) feet to a drill hole in ledge at the intersection of the southerly line of High Street with the easterly line of Thornton Street at the northwesterly corner of Lot No. 87 as shown on said plan; thence running N.

55° 45′ W. across the end of said Thornton Street and by lot No. 85, being land of Heirs of Edward A. Richardson, and by Lot No. 83, being land of Lillian A. Wright, three hundred and twenty (320) feet, as shown on said plan, to a stone bound at the intersection of said southerly line of High Street with said easterly line of Winthrop Avenue; thence running N 34° 15′ E. by said easterly line of Winthrop Avenue, or to the end of the present accepted part of High Street, forty (40) feet, as shown, on said plan, to the point of beginning.

Copy of said plans as shown to us at said meet|ng and approved and verified by our signatures and adopted as a part of this record.

This land has been conveyed to the Town by deed of the owners thereof. Said town way as laid out is hereby reported to the Town for acceptance and when so accepted and allowed by the town is to be called "High Street Extension." The said plan and this record, together with a copy of the notice of intention to lay out said road, are this day filed by us in the office of the Town Clerk.

JOSEPH M. MARKHAM,
GEORGE V. MOORE
FRANK C. HARMON,
Selectmen of Ayer.

Article 4. This Article was indefinitely postponed.

Article 5. Voted: To accept the report of the special committee to revise the by-laws of the Town.

Article 6 and 7. Voted to consider Articles 6 and 7 together.

Voted Unanimously: That the Town rescind its action taken on Article 33 at the Annual Town Meeting, March 7, 1950 and to accept Article as set forth in the Warrant.

Article 8. Voted Unanimously: That the Town appropriate from the Parking Meter Fund the sum of $1,400.00 for Meter Maintenance.

Article 10. Voted Unanimously: That the Town accept the provisions of Section 25, Chapter 82 of the General Laws relative to the laying of sewers and pipes in unaccepted ways.

Article 2. Voted Unanimously: That the Town appropriate the sum of $1,200.00 from funds in the treasury to extend the 8″ water main on Pleasant Street a distance of 300 feet, more or less, said appropriation to be effective only at such time as such part of Pleasant Street be deeded to the town and laid out by the Selectmen as a public way.

Article 11. Voted Unanimously: That the Town appropriate the sum of $480.00 to be expended under the direction of the Board of Health for necessary care and hospitalization of premature babies in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 601 of the Acts of 1949 and Chapter 111 of the General Laws.

Voted to adjourn at 10:27 P. M.

THEODORE W. BARRY,
Town Clerk.

WARRANT FOR STATE PRIMARY

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Ayer,
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in the Town Hall Tuesday, the Nineteenth day of September, 1950, at 12.30 o'clock for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the nomination of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

Governor of this Commonwealth.
Lieutenant-Governor for this Commonwealth.
Secretary of the Commonwealth for this Commonwealth.

Treasurer and Receiver-General for this Commonwealth.
Auditor of the Commonwealth for this Commonwealth.
Attorney General for this Commonwealth.
Representative in Congress for 5th Congressional District.
Councillor for 3rd Councillor District.
Senator for 1st Middlesex Senatorial District.
One Representative in General Court for 12th Middlesex District.
District Attorney for Northern District.
County Commissioner (except Nantucket and Suffolk Counties) for Middlesex County.
Sheriff for Middlesex County.

VACANCIES

In Berkshire Middle District: A Register of Deeds.
In Dukes County— A County Commissioner.
In Franklin County: A County Treasurer.
In Hampden County: A County Commissioner.
In Hampshire County: A County Treasurer.
In Norfolk County: A County Treasurer.
In Plymouth County: A County Commissioner.
In Plymouth District: A Register of Deeds.
In Suffolk County: A Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court.

The Polls will be open from 12.30 p. m. to 6.30 p. m. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this fifth day of September A. D., 1950.

JOSEPH M. MARKHAM,
GEORGE V. MOORE,
FRANK C. HARMON,
Selectmen of Ayer.

A true copy.
Attest: WALTER F. PICARD, Constable.

STATE PRIMARY

September 19, 1950

As directed in the foregoing warrant the voters of Ayer assembled in the Town Hall on Tuesday, September 19, 1950

at 12:30 o'clock P. M. and were called to order by Frank C. Harmon, of the Board of Selectmen, who acted as presiding officer, and the warrant and constable's return were read by the Town Clerk. The following presented appointments as Election Officers and were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk; Mary W. McGuane, Ida Naparstek, Dorothy M. Wiseman, Herman T. Allen, William N. Scruton, Howard M. Beverly, Ralph H. Richardson, and O. Hartwell Kidder, officer at the Polls. Two packages said to contain 1730 Republican and 910 Democratic ballots were delivered to the presiding officer; the ballot box was publicly shown to be empty, the register set at zero, the ballot box locked and key turned over to the officer at the polls.

The polls were declared open at 12:30 P. M. and at 6:30 P. M. after due notice, were declared closed. At this time, and previously during the afternoon, 224 ballots were taken from the ballot box, the register showing the same number. Both voting lists used during the voting showed 224 names as having voted. After the completion of the counting and tabulating of the votes by the Tellers and Town Clerk, the result was announced at 7:15 P. M., as follows:

REPUBLICAN

GOVERNOR

Clarence A. Barnes, 24 votes.
Arthur W. Coolidge, 70 votes.
Louis E. Denfeld, 27 votes.
Frankland W. L. Miles, 14 votes.
Daniel Needham, 35 votes.
Edward M. Rowe, 2 votes.
Blanks, 3.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Laurence Curtis, 75 votes.
Warren G. Harris, 29 votes.
Daniel E. McLean, 12 votes.
Harris S. Richardson, 27 votes.
Robert H. W. Welch, Jr., 24 votes.
Blanks, 8.

SECRETARY

John Adams, 32 votes.
William B. Bailey, 26 votes.
Henry Clay, 5 votes.
Douglas Lawson, 19 votes.
Randall W. (Ranny) Weeks, 24 votes.
Russell A. Wood, 36 votes.
Ada F. York, 9 votes.
Blanks, 24.

TREASURER

Fred J. Burrell, 83 votes.
Roy C. Papalia, 75 votes.
Blanks, 17.

AUDITOR

William G. Andrew, 126 votes.
Warren A. Rodd, 15 votes.
Blanks, 34.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Frederick Ayer, Jr., 75 votes.
Edward Robert Butterworth, 20 votes.
George Fingold, 43 votes.
Edwin W. Hadley, 12 votes.
Frank F. Walters, 10 votes.
Blanks, 15.

CONGRESSMAN

Edith Nourse Rogers, 165 votes.
Blanks, 10.

COUNCILLOR

Otis M. Whitney, 146 votes.
Blanks, 29.

SENATOR—1ST MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

Paul R. Achin, 58 votes.
Charles A. Gregoire, 20 votes.
Forest A. Rogers, 71 votes.
Blanks, 26.

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 12TH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

Earle S. Bagley, 117 votes.
Frederick Foster Porter, 53 votes.
Blanks, 5.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY—NORTHERN DISTRICT

George E. Thompson, 149 votes.
Blanks, 26.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—
MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Melvin G. Rogers, 115 votes.
Harry Gath, Jr., 22 votes.
Thomas P. Lane, 8 votes.
Blanks, 30.

SHERIFF—MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Smith J. Adams, 24 votes.
Howard W. Fitzpatrick, 20 votes.
Frederick L. Galbraith, 6 votes.
Walter E. Lawrence, 23 votes.
Jesse A. Rogers, 12 votes.
Francis P. Shea, Jr., 4 votes.
A. Warren Stearns, 64 votes.
Blanks, 22.

DEMOCRATIC

GOVERNOR

Paul A. Dever, 33 votes.
Blanks, 16.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Charles F. Jeff Sullivan, 27 votes.
William M. Bergan, 2 votes.
G. Edward Bradley, 9 votes.
John Francis Cahill, 5 votes.
J. Frank Murphy, 3 votes.
Blanks, 3.

SECRETARY

Edward J. Cronin, 26 votes.
Anthony L. Bruno, 2 votes.
Stephen J. Carr, 1 vote.
Martin Graham, 1 vote.
Paul V. Shaughnessy, 8 votes.
Alfred L. Smith, 1 vote.
Alfred R. Vitale, 2 votes.
John F. Welch, 1 vote.
Blanks, 7.

TREASURER

John E. Hurley, 39 votes.
Blanks, 10.

AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley, 38 votes.
Blanks, 11.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Francis E. Kelly, 39 votes.
Benjamin F. Chesky, 2 votes.
Eli Y. Krovitsky, 1 vote.
Isadore H. Y. Muchnick, 5 votes.
Blanks, 2.

CONGRESSMAN—5TH DISTRICT

James A. Cullen, 17 votes.
Clement Gregory McDonough, 26 votes.
Blanks, 6.

COUNCILLOR—3RD DISTRICT

Daniel T. Carey, 5 votes.
John F. Curran, 8 votes.
John A. Dolan, 3 votes.
Donald B. Falvey, Jr., 2 votes.
Peter K. McHugh, 5 votes.
Edward H. Sullivan, 13 votes.
Robert Sullivan, 1 vote.
Charles A. Whalen, 2 votes.
Blanks, 10.

SENATOR—1ST MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

William C. Geary, 42 votes.
Blanks, 7.

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT 12TH MIDDLESEX DISTRICT

James Joseph Carlin, Jr., 36 votes.
Blanks, 13.

DISTRICT ATTOTNEY—NORTHERN DISTRICT

Alfred Paul Farese, 10 votes.
John F. Finnerty, 7 votes.
William Henry Gerety, 4 votes.
John F. Kelley, 20 votes.
Blanks, 8.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER—MIDDLESEX

Thomas B. Brennan, 13 votes.
John L. Cotter, 13 votes.
Thomas L. Crowley, 2 votes.
Charles Cullinane, 0 votes.
Daniel J. Donovan, 2 votes.
Thomas F. Lally, 1 vote.
Frederick T. McDermott, 2 votes.
Sylvester J. McGrail, 1 vote.
Dennis F. O'Keefe, 2 votes.
Thomas J. O'Neil, 2 votes.
Thomas R. Rawson, 1 vote.
John F. Sullivan, 3 votes.
Francis Andrew Walsh, 0 votes.
Blanks, 7.

SHERIFF—MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Patrick J. Brennan, 5 votes.
William Thomas Desmond, 3 votes.
Howard W. Fitzpatrick, 23 votes.
Thomas J. Keating, 2 votes.
Clarence E. Lord, 0 votes.
D. Thomas Paoletti, 0 votes.
Paul A. Sullivan, 14 votes.
Blanks, 4.

All the uncast ballots were sealed in one package and the cast ballots and the check lists used at the primary were sealed in another package in open meeting.

Adjourned at 7:30 P. M.

THEODORE W. BARRY,
Town Clerk.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
October 24, 1950

WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

To Any Constable of the Town of Ayer,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the

Town of Ayer qualified to vote in town elections and affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Ayer on Tuesday, the twenty-fourth day of October, A. D. 1950, at eight o'clock P. M. then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will appropriate from available funds in the treasury the additional sum of $500.00 for the Care of Patients, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 2. To see if the Town will appropriate from available funds in the treasury the additional sum of $1,000.00 for Veterans' Benefits, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 3. To see if the Town will appropriate from available funds in the treasury the additional sum of $1,500.00 for Snow Removal, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will appropriate from available funds in the Treasury an additional sum of $125.00 for Town Infirmary repairs, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will appropriate from available funds in the treasury an additional sum of money for the Miscellaneous Account, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize the transfer of the sum of $4,875.00 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's and County's shares of the cost of the Chapter 90, New Construction work on Park and West Main Streets, the reimbursement from the State and County to be restored upon their receipt to such unappropriated available funds in the treasury, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appropriate from available funds in the treasury the additional sum of $50.00 for the Tax Collector, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will appropriate from

available funds in the treasury an additional sum of money for the Police Department, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three or more public places in said Ayer, one of which shall be the Town Hall, seven days at least before the day appointed for said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk before the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of October A. D., 1950.

JOSEPH M. MARKHAM,
GEORGE V. MOORE,
FRANK C. HARMON,
Selectmen of Ayer.

A true copy.
Attest: WALTER F. PICARD, Constable.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

October 24, 1950

As directed in the foregoing warrant, the voters of Ayer assembled in the Town Hall, October 24, 1950, at 8 o'clock P. M. and were called to order by the Moderator. In the absence of Town Clerk Theodore W. Barry, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Chase was elected Temporary Town Clerk and read the Warrant with the Constable's return thereon.

Article 1. Unanimously Voted: That the Town appropriate from available funds in the treasury the additional sum of $500.00 for Care of Patients at the Middlesex Sanatorium.

Article 2. Unanimously Voted: That the Town appropriate from available funds in the treasury the additional sum of $1000.00 for Veterans' Benefits.

Article 3. Unanimously Voted: That the Town appropriate from funds in the treasury the sum of $1500.00 for Snow Removal in addition to the appropriation made at the last Annual Town meeting.

Article 4. Unanimously Voted: That the Town appropriate from available funds in the treasury the additional sum of $125.00 for Town Infirmary repairs.

Article 5. Unanimously Voted: That the Town appropriate from available funds in the treasury the additional sum of $1000.00 for Miscellaneous Account.

Article 6. Unanimously Voted: That the Town authorize the transfer of the sum of $4875.00 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's and County's share of the cost of the Chapter 90, New Construction work on Park and West Main Streets, the reimbursement from the State and County to be restored upon their receipt, to such unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Article 7. Unanimously Voted: That the Town appropriate from available funds in the treasury the additional sum of $50.00 for the Tax Collector.

Article .8. Unanimously Voted: That the Town appropriate from available funds in the treasury the additional sum of $300.00 for the Police Department.

Voted to adjourn 8:31 P. M.

ELIZABETH L. CHASE,
Temporary Town Clerk.

STATE ELECTION

November 7, 1950

WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

To Any Constable of the Town of Ayer,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the legal voters of said Town of Ayer, qualified to vote at State Elections, to meet at the Town Hall in said Ayer on

TUESDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, A.D., 1950

at 8 o'clock in the forenoon, by posting attested copies of this warrant in three or more public places, one of which shall be the Town Hall, seven days at least before the said seventh day of November.

OFFICERS AND QUESTIONS ON OFFICIAL BALLOT

Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Representative in Congress, Councillor, Senator, Representative in General Court, District Attorney, County Commissioner, Sheriff.

QUESTIONS ON OFFICIAL BALLOT

QUESTION NO. 1

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 9, 1947, received 244 votes in the affirmative and 0 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 8, 1949, received 242 votes in the affirmative and 7 in the negative?

Summary

This proposed amendment of the Constitution provides for the time when the respective terms of office of the governor, lieutenant-governor and councillors shall begin and the time when their respective terms shall end. It also makes provision relative to the succession to the office of governor in the event of the death of the governor elect before qualification for the office of governor; and it further makes provision relative to the succession to the office of governor in the event of the death of both the governor elect and the lieutenant-govenor elect before qualification for their respective offices.

QUESTION NO. 2

Do you approve of the adoption of an amendment to the constitution summarized below which was approved by the General Court in a joint session of the two branches held June 4, 1948, received 154 votes in the affirmative and 44 in the negative, and in a joint session of the two branches held June 8, 1949, received 160 votes in the affirmative and 93 in the negative?

Summary

This proposed amendment to the Constitution provides for an increase in the number of signatures of qualified voters required upon an initiative or upon a referendum petition, and it further makes provision for changes in legislative procedures thereon with reference to dates upon, or within which, acts shall be done in the various stages necessary to be taken upon such petitions.

QUESTION NO. 3

Do you approve of a law summarized below on which the House of Representatives did not vote and on which the Senate did not vote?

This measure provides for minimum payments of seventy-five dollars per month, or eighty-five dollars per month if blind, as assistance to deserving aged persons who have reached the age of sixty-three years or over and are in need of relief and support.

QUESTION NO. 4

Do you approve of a law summarized below on which the House of Representatives did not vote and on which the Senate did not vote?

Summary

This measure provides for the creation of a Massachusetts commission for the purpose of conducting once every month a lottery drawing to raise additional funds by means of tickets sold to the public, within the Commonwealth, the net proceeds to be divided as follows: 50 per cent to the winners as prizes, 35 per cent for assistance to needy aged persons, 7½ per cent for assistance to needy blind persons, 7½ per cent for assistance to dependent children.

QUESTION NO. 5

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 77 in the affirmative and 139 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 13 in the affirmative and 25 in the negative?

Summary

The proposed measure strikes out the first sentence of section 113B of chapter 175 of the General Laws (Tercentenary

Edition) as most recently amended by section 4 of chapter 459 of the acts of 1935, and inserts in place thereof a sentence which provides that the Commissioner of Insurance shall annually, on or before September fifteenth, after due hearing and investigation, fix and establish fair and reasonable classifications of risks and adequate, just, reasonable and non-discriminatory premium charges to be used and charged by insurance companies in connection with the issue or execution of motor vehicle liability policies or bonds, as defined in section 34A of chapter 90 of the General Laws, for the ensuing calendar year or any part thereof, but said classifications and premium charges shall be uniform throughout the Commonwealth and shall not be fixed or established according to districts or zones.

QUESTION NO. 6

A. Shall the parimutuel system of betting on licensed horse races be permitted in this county?

B. Shall the parimutuel system of betting on licensed dog races be permitted in this county?

QUESTION NO. 7

A. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whisky, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

B. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wines and beer, ale and all other malt beverages)?

C. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

QUESTION NO. 8

Shall a declaration be made by popular referendum, pursuant to the Housing and Rent Act of 1950, that a shortage of rental housing accommodations exists which requires the continuance of federal rent control in this city (or town) after December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty and until the close of June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, in accordance with the provisions of said Act?

The polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the place and at the time appointed for the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this thirty-first day of October, A. D., 1950.

JOSEPH M. MARKHAM,
GEORGE V. MOORE,
FRANK C. HARMON,
Board of Selectmen of Ayer.

A true copy.
Attest: WALTER F. PICARD, Constable.

STATE ELECTION

November 7, 1950

As directed in the foregoing warrant the voters of Ayer assembled in the Town Hall on Tuesday, November 7, 1950 at 8 o'clock A. M. and were called to order by Joseph M. Markham Chairman of the Selectmen, who acted as Presiding Officer. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The following voters presented their appointments as Election officers and were sworn to the faithful performance of their duties by the Town Clerk; Howard M. Beverly, Harry R. Draper, O. Hartwell Kidder, Mary W. McGuane, Charles A. Mullin, Ida K. Naparstek, Ralph H. Richardson, William N. Scruton, Geraldine Moore Tolles, Paula M. Walsh, Dorothy M. Wiseman. O. Hartwell Kidder acted as officer at the Polls. Later in the day Thomas D. Smith was sworn in as an Election Officer. Official Ballots and Specimen Ballots were delivered to the presiding officer by the Town Clerk: the ballot box was publicly shown to be empty; the register set at zero, locked, and the keys delivered to Constable O. Hartwell Kidder. The polls were declared open at 8:10 A. M. and at 7:00 P. M. were declared closed, after due notice, except for the casting of Absentee Ballots. These absentee ballots were examined by the Presiding Officer and found in order and deposited in the ballot box which was then closed for all purposes.

At this time and at various times during the day 1351 ballots were taken from the ballot box. The final registration on the ballot box and both check lists used showed that 1351 names had been checked as having voted. After the completion of the counting and tabulation the result was announced at 10:15 and meeting adjourned at 10:30 P. M., as follows.

GOVERNOR

Paul A. Dever, Democrat, 713 votes.
Arthur W. Coolidge, Republican, 611 votes.
Horace I. Hillis, Soc. Labor, 4 votes.
Mark R. Shaw, Prohibition, 1 vote.
Blanks, 22.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Charles F. Jeff Sullivan, Democrat, 659 votes.
Laurence Curtis, Republican, 646 votes.
Lawrence Filfedder, Soc. Labor, 4 votes.
Blanks, 42.

SECRETARY

Edward J. Cronin, Democrat, 654 votes.
Russell A. Wood, Republican, 629 votes.
Ellsworth J. M. Dickson, Prohibition, 7 votes.
Fred M. Ingersoll, Soc. Labor, 2 votes.
Blanks, 59.

TREASURER

John E. Hurley, Democrat, 709 votes.
Fred J. Burrell, Republican, 579 votes.
Henning A. Blomen, Soc. Labor, 4 votes.
Harold J. Ireland, Prohibition, 1 vote.
Blanks, 58.

AUDITOR

Thomas J. Buckley, Democrat, 695 votes.
William G. Andrew, Republican, 579 votes.
Robert A. Simmons, Prohibition, 4 votes.
Francis A. Votano, Soc. Labor, 7 votes.
Blanks, 66.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Francis E. Kelly, Democrat, 577 votes.
Frederick Ayer, Jr., Republican, 722 votes.
Anthony Martin, Soc. Labor, 2 votes.
Howard B. Rand, Prohibition, 1 vote.
Blanks, 49.

CONGRESSMAN

Edith Nourse Rogers, Republican, 1147 votes.
Clement G. McDonough, Democrat, 185 votes.
Blanks, 19.

COUNCILLOR

Otis M. Whitney, Republican, 717 votes.
John A. Dolan, Democrat, 551 votes.
Blanks, 83.

SENATOR

William C. Geary, Democrat, 615 votes.
Paul R. Achin, Republican, 676 votes.
Blanks, 60.

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Earle S. Bagley, Republican, 639 votes.
James Joseph Carlin, Jr., Democrat, 660 votes.
Blanks, 52.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

George E. Thompson, Republican, 736 votes.
John F. Kelley, Democrat, 554 votes.
Blanks, 61 votes.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Melvin G. Rogers, Republican, 673 votes.
Thomas B. Brennan, Democrat, 574 votes.
Blanks, 104.

SHERIFF

Howard W. Fitzpatrick, Democrat, 653 votes.
A. Warren Stearns, Republican, 611 votes.
Blanks, 87.

QUESTION # 1

Yes, 805 votes.
No, 126 votes.
Blanks, 420.

QUESTION #2

Yes, 703 votes.
No, 209 votes.
Blanks, 439.

QUESTION #3

Yes, 663 votes.
No, 429 votes.
Blanks, 259.

QUESTION #4

Yes, 409 votes.
No, 723 votes.
Blanks, 219

QUESTION #5

Yes, 52 votes.
No, 1210 votes.
Blanks, 89.

QUESTION #6

A—Yes, 641 votes.
No, 490 votes,
Blanks, 220.
B—Yes, 541 votes.
No, 518 votes.
Blanks, 292.

QUESTION #7

A—Yes, 870 votes.
No, 328 votes.
Blanks, 153.
B—Yes, 865 votes.
No, 281 votes.
Blanks, 205.
C—Yes, 920 votes.
No, 252 votes.
Blanks, 179.

QUESTION #8

Yes, 693 votes.
No, 304 votes.
Blanks, 354.

All the ballots cast, absentee ballots and papers referring thereto, both check lists used at the election, were sealed in two boxes and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 P. M.

THEODORE W. BARRY,
Town Clerk.

BIRTHS RECORDED, A. D. 1950

1949

Nov. 18 Joan Ann Brown—Byard Thomas and Mary C. Keay.

1950

Jan. 1 Raymond Arthur Roberge—Raymond Arthur and Catherine Marian Porrini.

Jan. 1 Malcolm James McCaul—Robert James and Annie Evelyn Comfort.

Jan. 2 Lorna Elaine Howell—George Henry and Gertrude Catharine Heman.

Jan. 3 George Francis Hyde—George Millette and Edna Eda Burrill.

Jan. 3 Paulette Therese Michaud—Ernest Joseph and Annette Jeanne Rougeau.

Jan. 3 Lyndall Hope Bean—Richard William and Jeanne B. Reynolds.

Jan. 3 Michael Lee Clark—Charles Richard and Mary Mae Benicoff.

Jan. 6 Robert Moran Wood—Howard Ogden and Sarah Jane Fraser.

Jan. 6 Laura Jean Gardner—James Frederick and Norma Jean Macfarlane.

Jan. 7 Charles Russell Wyatt, III—Charles Russell, II, and Barbara Irene Macomber.

Jan. 7 Christine Ellan Murray—Fred W. and Charlotte Emma Mann.

Jan. 9 Larry Robert Haas—Robert E. and Arlene Esther Grulke.

Jan. 10 Lee Fanning—Melvin Curtis and Helen Elizabeth Joy.

Jan. 11 Katheryn Ellen Barry—John Joseph and Bernice May Hart.

Jan. 11 Elizabeth Mary Barry—John Joseph and Bernice May Hart.

Jan. 11—Jeannette Lucille Firth—Joseph R. and Anita Edna Landreville.

Jan.	11	Nelson Harvey Kinney—Edward Francis and Henrietta Virginia Lake.
Jan.	11	Richard Charles Bebout—Richard Loraine and Eloise Ruth Titus.
Jan.	12	Joan Elizabeth Cross—Frank and Mary Gloria Ferreira.
Jan.	12	Ellen Suzanne Owen—Robert Wayne and Carlene Augusta DiProfio.
Jan.	12	Marie Lorraine Morais—Edmund Augustine and Marie Florida Doiron.
Jan.	13	Charles Addison Steeves—Frederic Vosmus and Janet Dunlop Borthwick.
Jan.	14	Merilee Ruth Jubb—Gerald Lombard and Katherine Camilla Page.
Jan.	17	Stillborn.
Jan.	18	Sheila Mae Barnes—Alton Franklin and Mae Helen Penn.
Jan.	18	Alice Anita Reinel—Anthoney Adam and Veronica Ethel Williams.
Jan.	19	Thomas Robert Foster—Robert Edward and Louise Ellen Herbert.
Jan.	20	Kayoleta Johnson—Weldon Hollis and Marianna Siwy.
Jan.	22	Jane Marie Lopez—Henry Frederick and Rita Virginia Scott.
Jan.	23	Marueen Flaherty—Thomas Joseph and Edith Lucy Britten.
Jan.	23	Frank Frederick Daugherty—Hayward Marshall and Agatha Catherine Power.
Jan.	23	John David Becher, Jr.—John David and Maria Agnes Leech.
Jan.	23	Michael James Egan—Patrick James and Doris Lucile Kahl.
Jan.	24	Cynthia Ann Doiron—Victor Lionel and Marion Catherine Robideau.
Jan.	24	John Robert Ennis—John Pershing and Virginia Lucille Provost.
Jan.	24	Michael Vaughn Ennis—John Pershing and Virginia Lucille Provost.
Jan.	25	Elizabeth Juliet Reggio—Andre Clare and Elizabeth Dowse.

Jan.	25	Paul Clay—Walter and Minnie Elizabeth Patrick.
Jan.	26	William John Pilger—Frederick Herman and Genevieve Catherine Barratt.
Jan.	26	Dianne Patterson—Clarence Luther and Blanche Christine Truax.
Jan.	27	Michael Wayne Broadhurst—John and Lora Evelyn Miller.
Jan.	28	Priscilla Bean—John Leslie and Sylvia Sanderson.
Jan.	29	Diane Louise Moriarty—Paul Richard and Clarissa Henrietta Young.
Jan.	30	Stanley John Kozacka—Stanislaw and Mabel Belle Bailey.
Jan.	31	Stephen Charles Clapper—Gerald Mann and Nathalie Alma Guay.
Jan.	31	Richard Kinsley O'Toole—Richard James and Kathryn Ann Sullivan.
Jan.	31	Mary Ellen Denoncourt—Henry Albert and Claire Eleanor Bond.
Feb.	2	Ellen Jean Neely—Sequoyah Harvey and Martha Amanda Schmidt.
Feb.	3	Constance Ann Merchant—Charles Francis and Marie Josephine Racca.
Feb.	3	Edward Markham Arnold—John Joseph and Mary Elizabeth Markham.
Feb.	4	Female Child.
Feb.	5	Virginia Jane Wheeler—Frank Allen and Olive Butler Shufelt.
Feb.	5	Wendy Jean Wheeler—Frank Allen and Olive Butler Shufelt.
Feb.	6	Forrest Cleveland Caffey—Milton H., Sr. and Barbara Lucille White.
Feb.	6	Carol Lynne Wright—Donald Gay and Barbara Helen Michaud.
Feb.	7	Dale Richard Stoddard—Richard Philip and Mildred Elizabeth Morrison.
Feb.	7	Marilyn Frances Evans—Homer Grant and Dorothy Bradford Fenner.
Feb.	8	Donna June Garneau—Raoul Herve and Bertha Elizabeth Nylund.
Feb.	10	John Francis Dumas—John Francis and Lorraine Rose Davin.

Feb.	10	Barbara Ann Bond—Albert Gordon, Jr. and Elsie Veronica Holohan.
Feb.	11	Gerald Raymond Walsh—John Patrick and Ida Marie Racine.
Feb.	11	David Joseph Babcock—Charles Gregory and Alberta Albina Buklerewicz.
Feb.	12	Elaine Mary Gionet—Roland Victor and Gladys Elaine Rust.
Feb.	13	Kathleen Marie Davies—William John and Rita Evangeline Dorion.
Feb.	14	George Victor Moore—George Victor and Zelda Louise Fitch.
Feb.	14	David Leo Kopec—Edward Joseph and Mary Josephine Fitzgerald.
Feb.	20	Stephen Robbins Howard—Philip Robbins and Iris Amy Lacey.
Feb.	20	Sherry Leigh Swanson—Varnum Hartford and Marion Johnston.
Feb.	20	Romuald James Lapinski—Romuald John and Myrtle Helen McNally.
Feb.	21	Joseph Stephen Regan—Joseph William and Rosa Naser.
Feb.	21	Mary Rosa Regan—Joseph William and Rosa Naser.
Feb.	21	Judy May Case—Albert Wesley and Josephine Ann Presti.
Feb.	22	Andrea Darlene Andersen—Andrew Milton, Jr. and Mildred Doris Barclay.
Feb.	22	Joseph Allan Comeau—Joseph Ellsworth and Teresa Mary Murphy.
Feb.	23	Lois Christine Johnson—Stanwood Francis and Lois Edmire Groben.
Feb.	24	Michael Charles Kronholm—Charles Andrew and Anni Dehler.
Feb.	25	Kenneth Eugene Watson, Jr.—Kenneth Eugene and Rosa Franfiska Kneuffner.
Feb.	25	Dianne Marie Elenbaas—Joe J. and Frieda Lou Cooper.
Feb.	26	Sandra Kay Ross—Joe L. and Ruby Fulkerson.
March	1	Edward Richard Harkins—Richard Charles and Rita Joyce Gilmartin.

March 1 Henry Paul Fries—Donald Edmund and Gerda Klara Winkler.

March 3 Nancy Carol Gaida—Theodore Walter and Mildred Caroline Novak.

March 4 Jo Ann Hambach—George F. and Dorothy Virginia Sanford.

March 5 Jeanne Ruth Turgeon—Edgar Anthony and Lucienne Yvette Perron.

March 5 Siegfried Willy Mayer—Willibald Joseph and Ingeborg Marianne Rahm.

March 7 Janice Louise Farber—Oscar William and Eleanor Elizabeth Wolfe.

March 7 Robert Peter Bobick—Peter and Katherine Pastovich.

March 10 Janet Rae Johnston—Edward Paul and Margaret McLeod Anderson.

March 10 Charles Edward Orck—Joseph John and Stella Marie Hoehn.

March 11 Michael Joseph Guilfoyle—James F. and Ruth Degenhardt.

March 11 Mary Louise Crowley—Robert Edward and Margurite Patricia Hubin.

March 13 Richard John Schofield—Richard Clyde and Mary Louise Savin.

March 14 Patricia Louise Wheeler—Charles Edward and Ruth Louise Grover.

March 14 Elizabeth Lee Hill—Robert Aaron and Lyda May Shewalter.

March 14 Leah Patti Bornstein—David and Rose Marie Patti.

March 15 Donna Ann Jenkins—Donald J. and Helen Melick.

March 15 Ronald Dean Smith—Wilburn and Mary Belle Brown.

March 17 Stephen H. Blodgett—Harold E. and Lois Miller.

March 18 Cathy Lynn Brown—Thomas James and Janet Elizabeth Norton.

March 18 Dana Stuart Broussard—James Alsin and Celia Levin.

March 20 Owen Peter Murphy—Edmund Carew and Eloise Frances Cronin.

March	21	Rodney Earl Pritchett—Dixie Clay and Alice Juanita Singleton.
March	22	James Daniel Graves—James W. and Dorothy Harvey.
March	24	John Joseph Byrd—Loyd Joseph and Nona Irene Figg.
March	24	Barbara Mary Jacobs—Gerald, Jr. and Florence Barbara Sklarz.
March	25	Lois Elaine Hamilton—Charles Elwood and Hortense Christian Hazard.
March	25	Male Child.
March	28	Thomas Allen Wright—Shirley W. and Geneva Marie Poole.
March	29	Delores Johanna Kunze—John H. and Dorothy Angiulo.
March	30	Barry Earl Pillman—Kenneth George and Florence Mae Hume.
March	31	Linda Louise Langley—Wallace Edward and Jerry Hughes.
March	31	Kathleen Ann Cote—Robert G. and Mary A. Horgan.
April	1	Linda May Wilson—Donald Kenneth and Barbara Ann English.
April	1	Anthony Lee Perry—Walter Medirous and Imogene Ivetta Morrison.
April	2	Barbara Snyder Worman—Walter and Sally Worrell.
April	4	Sara Margaret Cass—Joseph Edward and Beatrice Frances Keegan.
April	6	Marianne Chartrand—Douglas Francis and Dorothy Alice Kemble.
April	6	Melanie Doiron—Vincent Joseph and Blanche Alice Lillian Page.
April	8	William Henry Champagne—William Henry and Jennie Nancy Roberts.
April	9	William Francis Gardner—William Francis and Beverly Louise Messer.
April	10	Sandra Lynne Webber—Hubert LeRoy and Isabelle Alice Hunter.
April	11	Kent Joseph Credit—Edmond Eugene and Celia Wright.

April	12	Lynne Durling—Hubert Raymond Jr. and Barbara Thompson.
April	13	Doris Susan Westover—Milton John and Irene May Perham.
April	14	Donald Edward Farrar—Donald and Christina Whorf.
April	16	Steven Michael Farnsworth—Percy Grant Jr. and Lillian Mary Magnan.
April	19	Newell Garfield III—Newell Jr. and Jane Osborne Day.
April	20	Robert Jules Picard—Robert Jules and Marylouise Cecile Morse.
April	21	Theresa Ann Logsdon—Lloyd Wesley and Theresa Maria Felsl.
April	26	Ann Marie Richards—Ernest Edward and Phyllis Louise Christofono.
April	29	Nancy Lee Streeter—William and Pauline Cecelia Gardner.
April	30	William Grayson Bellon—Joseph Bourbon and Margaret Sarah Mears.
May	2	Donald Searle—Gerald Floyd and Marguerite Mary Cripps.
May	2	Christina May Whitney—Warren Williams and Carrie Louise Gyles.
May	4	Kenneth Charles Porter—Kenneth Herbert and Sharlee June Williams.
May	4	Robert Michael Morse—Carroll Burton and Margaret Patricia Mansfield.
May	4	Ann Marie Ducharme—Conrad Loudgere and Catherine Marion Gilmartin.
May	8	Alice Celeste Zina—Francisco, Jr. and Gladys Leona Wheeler.
May	10	Lynne Marjorie Noyes—Bruce Benjamin and Marjorie Mable Combie.
May	11	Paul Ellison Nabb—Herbert Gladstone and Doris Evelyn Nichols.
May	12	Ludger Joseph Morin, Jr.—Ludger Joseph and Ida Evelyn Harvey.
May	13	Robert Michael Buscemi—Angelo and Nellie Caroline Majookna.
May	17	Donna Marie Cormier—Henry Joseph and Jean Barbara Porter.

May	17	Stephanie Elizabeth Ruppert—William Hubert and Virginia Treat Hurd.
May	19	Mary Joy L'Heureux—Edward and Esther Mumley.
May	19	Beverly Ann Rakip—Ally E. and Rita M. Hewis.
May	19	Ronald Charles Hess—Charles Wallace and Ada Jean Bertram.
May	23	Judith Haslam—Arthur Stannard and Beatrice Farwell Fletcher.
May	24	Emma Sue Tant—George Edward and Jennie Virginia Torregrossa.
May	27	Alan Williams Cook—Austin Williams and Dorothy Richardson.
May	27	Pamela Ruth Woods—Delmar Edwin and Lois Agnes Naylor.
May	29	Marie Ann Bushnoe—Raymond Joseph and Ella Sulham.
May	29	John Paul De Jongh—John Julian and June Janet Hamilton.
June	5	Barry Neil Goodwin—Arthur Edward and Irene Beatrice Henderson.
June	5	John Clifford Ritzo—Eugene and Mary Elizabeth Griffin.
June	6	Cynthia Priest—Richard Fletcher and Helen Howard Fletcher.
June	7	James Michael Rust—Theodore Barton and Doris Richard.
June	7	Jeffery Charles Harrington—John and Frances Cullinane.
June	8	James Robert Carpenter—James Hebert and Theresa Mary Paul.
June	9	Donna Marie Perreault—Robert Kendrick and Anna Barbara Cote.
June	9	Mary Ellen Sifakis—Emanuel Anthony and Bessie Vasiliki Vasilas.
June	9	Christine Frances Calcagno—Francis Vincent and Ethel Angelina Cronin.
June	9	Pauline Elizabeth Davis—Earl Beckwith and Marion Elizabeth Fay.
June	10	Judith Lynn Seidl—Emerson Robert and Hilda Evans.

June	10	Michael Frederick Gerlach—Oscar Frederick and Kathleen Constance Jones.
June	11	John McClare Shugert—John Richard and Grace Charnock McClare.
June	12	Ethel Ray Andexler—Kenneth Ralph and Doris Lillien Kleinhelter.
June	15	Leslie Anne Berger—Philip Raymond and Eleanor Madeline De Pauw.
June	15	David Anderson Watt—Richard Allen and Alice Lucille Anderson.
June	16	John Michael Downes—John William and Anna Clara Fitzgerald.
June	16	Kenneth Andrew LeClair—Kenneth Andrew and Irene Margaret Pender.
June	17	Katherine Mansur—Melvin White and Lydia Benois.
June	20	Linda Marie Valcourt—Theodore Joseph and Catherine Rosella Cotreau.
June	21	John Philip Brooks—Roderick Malcolm and Margaret Josephine Sugrue.
June	21	Janet Marie Brooks—Roderick Malcolm and Margaret Josephine Sugrue.
June	25	Carolyn Elizabeth Wright—Charles Clarence Jr. and Marguerite Julia Walker.
June	25	James Bradley Vile—Judd Mason and Nance Lorraine Bradley.
June	26	Laura Ann Pridgen—Jack and Nancy Mae McCreery.
June	27	Jean Friedrich—Wallace Raymond and Gloria Jean L'Heureux.
June	27	Nancy Lee Roberts—Rayger Glenn and Nina Coline Gibson.
July	1	Camilla Helena Gonyer—Henry Homer and Irmgard Marianne Helena Triebenbacher.
July	3	Linda Jane Colt—Lester Raymond and Agnes Carrie Hebert.
July	5	Carolyn Laws Martin—David Wilson and Barbara Winifred Laws.
July	8	Janice Leola Gority—Gerald Francis and Leola Sharpe.
July	8	Kathleen Alane Wood—Kenneth William and Marion Lillian Hynes.

July	9	Martha Desforges—Paul and Frieda Susanna Windisch.
July	10	Morton Davis Clerk III—Morton Davis and Eloise Arline Van Hall.
July	11	Patrick Michael O'Connor—Joseph Leo and Marjorie Lee Brown.
July	11	William Warren Sanderson—Albert Henry and Georgianna Helen Washburn.
July	11	Clinton Nichols, Jr.—Clinton and Priscilla Ellen Hannah.
July	12	Charles Geoffrey Hemenway—Irving Samuel and Theresa Gionet.
July	13	Rosemary Robinson—Frank Edward and Ruth Helen Blood.
July	13	Elijah Cobb—Sidney and Rosalind Wiggins.
July	14	Nicholas Champlin Waugh—James Champlin and Dorothy Parker Richardson.
July	14	Claire Elizabeth Friedrich—John Richard and Eileen Mary Watson.
July	19	Joanne Arlene Wood—John William and Velma Young.
July	20	Gregory Nelson McDowell—Raymond Nelson and Gerladine Harriett Fergerson.
July	20	Brian David Norstrom—Willard Charles and Mary Rita O'Brien.
July	21	Stephen John Nebet—Erwin P. and Marjorie Mickler.
July	21	John Owens Williams—Valentine and Annabelle Owens.
July	21	Richard Stephen Blanks—Richard Page and Myrtle Gurrica Crocker.
July	27	David Lee Shorey—Lowell A. and Beatrice Beideau.
July	27	Deena Joyce Cormier—Henry Joseph and Maxyne Dorise Luce.
July	27	Sandra Elaine English—Kenneth Roy and Carolyn Frances Chace.
July	28	Marcia Lynn Tokarz—Ben and Margaret Mary Connelly.
July	29	Sandra Gay Evans—Ralph Isaac Jr. and Gillian Norton.

Aug.	2	Donna Lee Blood—Russell W. and Beatrice Wheeler.
Aug.	2	David William Badger—William Arthur and Ruth Viola Bowmar.
Aug.	3	Ernest John McInerney—Michael J. and Adelheid Louise Barton.
Aug.	6	Barbara Bastian—Minot and Rachel Turner.
Aug.	7	Charlotte Marie Miller—Charles Henry and Margaret Louise Kenny.
Aug.	9	Nicholas Lon Crisp—Alonzo Tipton and Jean Ann Farrell.
Aug.	16	Mary Ann Bond—Arthur Lawrence and Theresa Mary Colard.
Aug.	21	Jean Anne Iverson—Carl Inar and Virginia Madeline York.
Aug.	24	Patricia Anne Byrne—James Thomas and Jane Marie Bucknam.
Aug.	25	Nancy Gail Hebb—Robert Harrison and Pauline Eva Grenier.
Aug.	25	Joanne Laggis—Peter and Ann Maravelias.
Aug.	29	Jeffrey Meyer—Leo John and Veronoca Patricia Lynch.
Aug.	30	Stephen Michael Seidl—Lawrence Ellsworth and Agnes Isabella Madden.
Aug.	31	Reynold Edward Forest—Donatien and Janina Victoria Saxon.
Sept.	1	Elizabeth Jane Tessier—Charles Henry and Caroline Mary Walsh.
Sept.	1	Brian Mendoza—Julio Espinola and Margaret Mary Vaughan.
Sept.	1	Arthur Matthew Brown—Arthur Matthew and Mary Eileen Ordway.
Sept.	1	Donald Raddin Black—Bennett Raddin and Mildred Elizabeth Morris.
Sept.	2	Maureen Elaine O'Malley—Charles Kenneth and Claire Elaine Allen.
Sept.	2	Larry Gene Boucher—Edward Henry and Sophie Veronica Scesny.
Sept.	5	Elizabeth Branigan—Mansfield and Phyllis Elizabeth Wright.
Sept.	7	Karen Beebe—Edward Ellsworth and Virginia Schill.

Sept.	7	Craig William Boettcher—William Smith and Dorothy Kate Batchelor.
Sept.	11	Ralph Donald Winslow—Ralph Howard and Roberta Edna Taylor.
Sept.	12	Audrey Ann Fossett—Albert Francis and Dorothy Elizabeth Oikle.
Sept.	12	Robert Karl Rancke—Arthur Richard and Rita Alice Dancause.
Sept.	13	Wendy Bissett—George Robert and Priscilla Marriott.
Sept.	13	Wayne Matthew Heiligmann—William Martin and Barbara Louise Bent.
Sept.	14	Thomas David McGrath—Thomas and Rose Frances Friedrich.
Sept.	19	Cheri Anne Smith—George Franklin and Louise Ann Quast.
Sept.	20	Laurie Ann Amirault—Joseph Edward and Irene Delia Doucette.
Sept.	22	Dennis Joseph Colard—Adolph Joseph and Hortense Mary Gionet.
Sept.	25	Jane Marie Wood—James Albert and Marion Gertrude Ford.
Oct.	1	Dana Walker Fairbanks—Clyde Fisher and Esther ElizabethKeyes.
Oct.	2	Sharon Ann Smith—Harold Joseph and Rita Lorraine Pauley.
Oct.	3	Eleanor Anne Midgley—Harold Austin and Lillian Matilda Hammerstrom.
Oct.	4	Valerie Irene Hudson—Hubert William and Natalie Carolyn Larsen.
Oct.	4	Rosemary Priore—Joseph and Anna Rose Corvino.
Oct.	5	Dennis Paul Statuto—Albert George and Irene Mary McCann.
Oct.	5	Peter Charles Gillis—Charles Peter and Mary Rita Dooley.
Oct.	5	Patrick Joseph Gillis—Charles Peter and Mary Rita Dooley.
Oct.	6	James Dolton Perdue, Jr.—James and Jean Marie Sciarra.
Oct.	6	Ronald Smith—Earl Milton and Beatrice Mainan.
Oct.	7	Robert Otis Metcalf, II—Robert Otis and Ruth Elizabeth MacPhee.

Oct.	7	Alan Paul Perkins—Paul Dipon and Caroline Chandler Andrews.
Oct.	8	Daniel Francis Power—Dunstan Francis and Ruth Virginia Dolliver.
Oct.	8	Bert Henry Galpin—Robert Edward and Aniceta Vera Geminiano.
Oct.	9	James Allen McDonald—Kenneth Clinton and Bertha Elizabeth Briggs.
Oct.	11	Louis Howard Ressijac—Louis Howard and Marjorie Ann Hurley.
Oct.	12	Jane Louise Bailey—Richard William and Alice Louise Robinson.
Oct.	12	Richard Henry St. Gelais—Rene Leo and Marjorie Alice Hall.
Oct.	14	Robert Bliss Perkins—Robert Bliss and Edith Estelle Taylor.
Oct.	17	Robert Joseph Shepard—Raymond Leon and Leda Mary Croteau.
Oct.	17	Christine Lee Persuitte—Sabato and Maria Ann Serino.
Oct.	20	Harold Jerome Ten Huisen—Harold J. and Annie Worobey.
Oct.	21	Michele Ann Boulet—Henry Francis and Elma Jean Dooly.
Oct.	21	Debra Ann Cislo—Louis S. and Evelyn R. Lohman.
Oct.	23	Frederic Jay Coltin—Edwin B. and Lillian Frances Sax.
Oct.	23	Edward MacLeod Davis—Herbert Edwin and Priscilla Constance Goulart.
Oct.	28	Jack Robert West—Charles Ford and Elizabeth Ann Edmands.
Oct.	28	Richard Guy Lowden—Kenneth Charles and Lorraine Catherine Keeley.
Oct.	31	Elmore Leonard, Jr.—Elmore and Adell Porter.
Oct.	31	Mark Philip Hoffman—Frank George and Virginia May Naylor.
Nov.	1	Richard Alvin Salyer—Tilford Ancil and Betty Leigh Shipley.
Nov.	2	Alphonse Fernandes—Francis Fonseca and Harriet Adelaide Rumrill.

Nov.	3	Lawrence Conant Doe—Whitney Conant and Charlotte Haefford Johnson.
Nov.	4	Barry Kevin Wallace—Wesley Edwin and Mary Ruth Pickford.
Nov.	4	Paul Milton Kline—Wendell Hunter and Edna McLaughlin Reeves.
Nov.	6	Marcia Louise Daley—Howard William and Dorothy Louise Goodnow.
Nov.	6	Timothy Wadman—Leonard Francis and Helen Marjorie Langlois.
Nov.	7	Bruce Lee Burton—William James and Dorothy Arleen Boutwell.
Nov.	7	George Roland Dunn—Kenneth and Marjorie Ruth Stockwell.
Nov.	8	Kathryn Ellen Iverson—Edward James and Aileen Rose O'Keefe.
Nov.	8	Richard Francis Hurley—Thomas Francis and Mildred Ellen Allison.
Nov.	9	Ann Marie Gonsalves—Louis and Antoinette D'Amico.
Nov.	10	Carol Anne Porter—Bassett William and Irene Agnes Mojecki.
Nov.	11	Mark Harvey Whitehill—Robert Harvey and Barbara Marriott.
Nov.	12	Helen Marie Le Blanc—Gordon Joseph and Edna Marion Poirier.
Nov.	16	Bruce Arlen Rogers—Elbert George and Deneige Gloria Gionet.
Nov.	16	Christopher Robert Mack—Harold Christopher and Kathleen Ruth Harris.
Nov.	17	Richard Reed Halpin—Bernard Charles and Mabel Reed.
Nov.	17	Female child.
Nov.	17	Frederick Peter Dubey—Lawrence Edward and Grace Etta Robinson.
Nov.	19	Richard Willis Guthrie—Clayton Glynn and Martha Louise Willis.
Nov.	20	Delilah Soler Sanchez—James Castro and Norma Julia Soler.
Nov.	24	Kathleen Mary Walsh—William Joseph and Marie Priscilla Gardner.

Nov.	25	Joseph James Madigan—Joseph James and Katherine Louise Mara.
Nov.	25	Margaret Louise Winchester—Wescott Clovis and Elizabeth Drummond MacLennan.
Nov.	26	William Wayne Fitch—Clifton Everett and Margaret Louise Rich.
Nov.	28	Kathleen Elizabeth Sherwin—Wilbur George and Glenyss Lucille Howe.
Nov.	28	Jenifer Nan Rice—Albert and Leona Louise Gionet.
Nov.	28	Anthony Francis Choquette—Louis Francis and Elfriede H. Koschitzky.
Dec.	1	Stephen Wayne Parmeter—James and Jean Elizabeth Hughes.
Dec.	1	Gary Alan Castillo—Ambrose Alvis and Laura Margaret Pauley.
Dec.	2	Catherine Frances Corcoran—William F. and Theresa A. Connors.
Dec.	2	Marianne Dadine Tilberg—Ward Lowe and Sheila Ann Morrison.
Dec.	3	David Laurence Hibbert—Emerson Franklin and Ethel Cecilia Ronan.
Dec.	4	Philip Charles Oelfke—Walter Herman and Gloria Nancy DeMarco.
Dec.	5	Richard Warren Brown—Richard Warren and Priscilla Evelyn Wright.
Dec.	8	Peter Gordon Sharp—Gene Gordon and Frances Helen Pender.
Dec.	14	Eleanor Perry Brown—Charles H. and Nancy Sutton Lawson.
Dec.	16	Susan Frances Pillsbury—William Francis and Sheila Ruth McNiff.
Dec.	17	Darlene Mae Armstrong—Fred and Doris E. Hamel.
Dec.	17	Linda Ann Reese—Laurence Ellsworth and Judith Ann Gilbert.
Dec.	17	Stephen Louis Gauthier—Richard J. and Josephine L. Talamantes.
Dec.	18	Linda Ann Kennison—Alton Anthony and Helen Sophia Josander.
Dec.	18	Beverly June Flack—Wilbur Leonard and Hazel Frances Piper.

Dec. 19 James Warren Nichols—Harold Stuart and Blanche Elizabeth Clancy.

Dec. 19 Katherine Rose Pontbriand—Gilbert Joseph and Katherine Palka Szymanski.

Dec. 19 Ronald Stephen Farnsworth—Robert Leslie and Irene Rosalie Planchock.

Dec. 19 Donna Lee DeLaHaye—Kenneth Edmund and Ruth Johanna Alma Haverkamp.

Dec. 21 Christine Sylvia Conant—Ralph Edward and Glenys Enid Toomey.

Dec. 22 Patricia Still—James Vasco and Joan Elizabeth Connors.

Dec. 23 Elliott James Waller—James Herbert and Martha Mary Monas.

Dec. 23 Mary Alice Powell—Fred Copeland and Juanita Frances Whitby.

Dec. 24 Michael Amos Durden—Amos Juna and Beverly Mae Drees.

Dec. 24 Noel Ruth Blood—Donald Martin and Aldie Geraldine Elliott.

Dec. 24 Domenic Antonio Pugh—Edward Anthony and Mariangela Gerace.

Dec. 26 Charleen Mary O'Connell—William Henry and Lillian Carrie Pelote.

Dec. 27 Robert Joseph Moore—Robert Joseph and Corinne May Union.

Dec. 30 William Gordon Allen—William Burton and Fredreka June Evans.

Dec. 30 Betsy Jane Winkle—Edward Joseph and Roberta Kittredge Phillips.

Dec. 30 Barbara Ann Eagleston—Garfield Francis and Dorothy Helen Griebel.

MARRIAGES RECORDED, A. D. 1950

1943		Name	Residence
July	3	Richard D. Tibbetts—Louise D. Bergero—	Kittery, Maine Clinton.

1950		Name	Residence
Jan.	14	Robert S. Anderson—Patricia Grant—	Grand Rapids, Mich. Ayer.

1950		Name	Residence
Jan.	15	William P. Lambert	Ayer.
		Muriel E. Miner	Shirley.
Jan.	15	Edmond A. Baillargeon	Fort Devens.
		Veronica C. Borucki	Worcester.
Feb.	1	Peter Joseph Davidaitis	Brockton.
		Arlene Ruth Kargus	Menasha, Wisconsin.
Feb.	3	Ancil Burdette Hoalcraft	Greenwood, West Va.
		Marjorie Delores Parker	Flemington, Mo.
Feb.	4	Richard L. Walther	Williston Park, N. Y.
		Gillian A. Murphy	Prospect Park, Pa.
Feb.	4	Rudolph Joseph Gionet	Shirley.
		Emelie Matilda Wood	Ayer.
Feb.	26	Robert A. Abreu	Westford Depot.
		Vera A. Burton	Ayer.
March	1	Oliver Lee Blick	Wentzville, Mo.
		Margaret E. Thompson	Ayer.
March	7	Stanley H. McAnistan, Jr.	Truro.
		Patricia I. Barnes	Lowell.
March	11	Jack O. Burns	Cincinnati, Ohio.
		Irene M. Chabotte	Shirley.
March	31	Frank J. Luddy	Philadelphia, Pa.
		Phyllis E. Garrison	Hastings, Iowa.
April	1	Joseph Alfred Ouellette	Fitchburg.
		Theresa Anne Lavoie	Ayer.
April	8	Holden C. Harlow, Jr.	Ayer.
		Norma V. Borrner	Springfield.
April	8	Ralph E. Moore	Shrewsbury, N. J.
		Avis E. Rusch	Long Branch, N. J.
April	9	Robert Donald Rakip	Ayer.
		Muriel Marie Brule	Forge Village.
April	12	Robert Kyle	Detroit, Mich.
		Bernardine Gunning	Bordentown, N. J.
April	14	Kenneth E. Quart	Detroit, Mich.
		Sylvia Kushner	Arverne, N. Y.
April	14	Elva L. Keopke	So. Greenfield, Mo.
		Joan Tucker	Hackensack, N. J.
April	14	Harold George Miller	Ayer.
		Marie Kathleen Carton	Ayer.
April	15	Joseph Raoul Fleurant	Gardner.
		Rejeanne Marie Rouillard	Ayer.

1950		Name	Residence
April	19	Vernard Edward Burrill	Ayer.
		Elizabeth Irene McMurray	Fitchburg.
April	21	Perry West, Jr.	Kansas City, Kan.
		Rosamond E. Weir	Avon Park, Fla.
April	29	James Russell Roache	Ayer.
		Viola Arsenault	Lowell.
April	30	Paul L. Chauvin	Ayer.
		Helen Rose Sullivan	Medford.
May	2	Calvin W. Wilkerson	Murray, Utah.
		Ellen Hartjis	Ayer.
May	6	John Alfred Kelley	Detroit, Mich.
		Nadine June Clamp	McCook, Neb.
May	6	Ernest S. Knighton	Greenville, S. C.
		Ruth Landanno	Ayer.
May	6	James Sanchez	Groton.
		Norma Soler	Groton.
May	7	Joseph E. A. Duprey	Roxbury.
		Mary G. Melanson	Roxbury.
May	10	Roland Thomas St. George	Ayer.
		Eleanor Mary Martell	Ayer.
May	13	Hugh J. Richard	Leominster.
		Rita Royer	Leominster.
May	20	Robert J. Shattuck	Ayer.
		Gertrude Rosenberg	Ayer.
June	3	John Tyler Ledyard	Trenton, N. J.
		Loretta R. Baker	Ayer.
June	3	James F. Jewett	Ayer.
		Effie Moshos	Lowell.
June	4	Milton A. Stocker	Ayer.
		Bernice Jeanette Durant	Groton.
June	4	Robert Delinsky	Lowell.
		Mildred Schwartz	Ayer.
June	17	Arthur D. Gionet	Shirley.
		Beatrice Stebbins	Shirley.
June	17	Ward Lowe Tilburg	Washington, D. C.
		Sheila Ann Morrison	Ayer.
June	19	Francis W. Henderson, Jr.	Fort Dodge, Iowa.
		Rosemary T. Ewing	Lehigh, Iowa.
July	1	Richard S. F. Gaglio	Margate, N. J.
		Dolores M. Szymanski	Chicago, Ill.

1950		Name	Residence
July	1	Caesar Carlo Marco	Ayer.
		Esther Cadieux	Milford, N. H.
July	1	Hugh Burrill Penney	Ayer.
		Lois Keniston	Wellesley.
July	2	Norman Melvyn McDowell	Pepperell.
		Caroline Stella McQuarrie	Ayer.
July	8	Richard C. Booton, Jr.	Cambridge.
		Harriet R. Gray	Ayer.
July	15	Harry E. Harkness	Westerly, R. I.
		Lois E. Enghoffer	Lansing, Mich.
July	26	Kenneth C. Kane	Sandusky, Ohio.
		Gladys E. Pettys	Buffalo, N. Y.
Aug.	11	Vernon H. Keesler	Binghampton, N. Y.
		Nancy P. Schwartz	Ayer.
Aug.	4	James J. Langston, Jr.	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
		Christine Y. Reger	Mt. Pleasant, N. C.
Aug.	5	Joseph Edmond Clovis Pelletier	Gardner.
		Marie Philia Bertha Saulnier	Gardner.
Aug.	14	Thomas H. Walman	McKeesport, Pa.
		Agnes Marie Mihalcin	Munhall, Pa.
Aug.	17	Howard Anthony Giebel	Ozone Park, L. I., N. Y.
		Kathleen Mary Christal	Pelham Manor, N. Y.
Aug.	17	Robert C. McAlister	Mayfield, Ky.
		Martha Sebree	Olney, Ill.
Aug.	18	Kenneth E. Bonner	Fulton, N. Y.
		Margaret L. Pierce	Fulton, N. Y.
Aug.	18	Bernard William Hart	Somerville.
		Mabel Louise Thomas	Napoleon, Ohio.
Aug.	18	Charles E. Lesh	Springfield, Ohio.
		Marilyn E. Deyo	Shirley.
Aug.	18	Harold Dalen	Grygla, Minn.
		Mary L. Pugh	Bethany, Okla.
Aug.	19	Francis Staples	Diamond Hill, R. I.
		Frances Ann Laston	Pittsfield.
Aug.	19	George Albert Valliere	Groton.
		Mary Margaret Lizotte	Ayer.
Aug.	19	Thomas Edward Morris, Jr.	Gulfport, Miss.
		Rita Agnes Horbath	Watertown.
Aug.	20	Ernest E. Lazeau	Nashua, N. H.
		Marjorie M. Herbert	Ayer.

1950		Name	Residence
Aug.	20	John Virtue	Ayer.
		Edith Hasbrouck	East Orange, N. J.
Aug.	20	Eric L. Whiting	Littleton, N. H.
		Barbara F. Bridgford	Littleton, N. H.
Aug.	26	Francis Adelard Gariepy	Fitchburg.
		Lila Madeline Cote	Ayer.
Sept.	1	Raymond F. Corl	Dallas, Texas.
		Marjorie L. McCoy	Richmond, Ind.
Sept.	2	James A. Smothers	Knoxville, Md.
		Ceola Mae Paul	Montgomery, La.
Sept.	13	Charles R. Johnson	Claremont, N. H.
		Lillian Johnson	Claremont, N. H.
Sept.	14	Thomas L. Martin	Greenwood, Ark.
		Betty Joe Nibler	Springfield, Mo.
Sept.	17	Richard Earl Chase	Ayer.
		Gabrielle A. Boisvert	Graniteville.
Sept.	23	Gerald James Rossiter	Elizabethton, Tenn.
		Gaynell Miller	Elizabethton, Tenn.
Sept.	30	John Clayton Savell	Silver City, Miss.
		Katherine Kennedy	Ayer.
Sept.	30	Robert Ray Winter	Fairmont, W. Va.
		Bertha Barbee	Fairmont, W. Va.
Oct.	1	Keith H. Durham	Morganton, N. C.
		Juanita Aileen Andrew	Ayer.
Oct.	7	Arthur T. Anderson	Curwensville, Pa.
		Marilyn V. Wright	Bath, Me.
Oct.	7	Richard E. Lowry	Mount Airy, N. C.
		Marie A. Sousa	Winston-Salem, N. C.
Oct.	9	Clayton G. Gerke	Waukesha, Wisc.
		Shirley May Lane	Catskill, N. Y.
Oct.	13	Gene C. Moles	Maryville—Tenn.
		Betty Jean Richards	Madisonville, Tenn.
Oct.	14	Gerard M. Brouillette	Woonsocket, R. I.
		Lorraine E. Lamy	Woonsocket, R. I.
Oct.	15	Charles H. Helton	Maryville, Tenn.
		Edna Phyllis Pickel	Maryville, Tenn.
Oct.	15	Clarence E. Briggs	Ayer.
		Beatrice M. Landry	Shirley.
Oct.	19	Avery B. Hensley	Elizabethton, Tenn.
		Charlotte Joan Keener	Elizabethton, Tenn.

1950		Name	Residence
Oct.	21	James Frederick Ryder, Jr.	Brighton.
		Barbara Anne Murray	Ayer, Mass.
Oct.	23	George O. Roberts	Harvard.
		Mary Marder	Ayer.
Oct.	27	Clyde Copeland	Baltimore, Md.
		Jean Audrey Townes	Baltimore, Md.
Oct.	29	George E. Loring, Jr.	Ayer.
		Philomena Leone	Concord.
Oct.	31	Richard T. Robertson	Newark Valley, N. Y.
		Baroness Sigrid Diergardt	New York, N. Y.
Nov.	1	Oran W. Belnap	Moreland, Idaho.
		Freda Mary Brown	Leominster.
Nov.	5	Glenn Ray Parker, Jr.	East Pepperell.
		Dorothea Louisa Lyons	Ayer.
Nov.	6	Richard E. Anderson	Ayer.
		Ellen L. Graham	Ayer.
Nov.	11	Robert Eugene White	Maryville, Tenn.
		Mary Loveday	Maryville, Tenn.
Nov.	11	Herbert Freedman	Dorchester.
		Katherine M. Narey	Ayer.
Nov.	11	John Shepherd Mathews	Nicholasville, Ky.
		Nannie Katherine Marshall	Lexington, Ky.
Nov.	13	Manuel Furer	New York, N. Y.
		Vivian Wyman	Bronx, N. Y.
Nov.	15	Miles Mabe, Jr.	Clinton, Tenn.
		Dortha Josephine Pounders	Clinton, Tenn.
Nov.	17	Carlo Testa	Upper Darby, Pa.
		Doris Marie Shaw	Haverton, Pa.
Nov.	17	Franklin Wright Harlow	Ayer.
		Ella Mae Penney	Ayer.
Nov.	22	Robert W. Helmer	Flint, Mich.
		Edna A. Eisner	Ayer.
Nov.	22	James E. Archey	Rockwood, Tenn.
		Lois Ann Butler	Rockwood, Tenn.
Nov.	27	Fred Gene Watkins	Kokomo, Ind.
		Shirley Jane Schwartz	Kokomo, Ind.
Dec.	3	Barker T. Torrey, Jr.	Hanover.
		Catherina J. van Twisk	Nyssa, Ore.
Dec.	5	James P. O'Connell	New Rochelle, N. Y.
		Beatrice N. Garman	New Rochelle, N. Y.

1950		Name	Residence
Dec.	9	Warren Henry Nutting	Shirley.
		Beatrice V. Willis	Shirley.
Dec.	13	Robert James Winstanly	Boston.
		Rita Janet Callahan	Ayer.
Dec.	16	George Christopher Kearns	Portland, Me.
		Madeline Malpass	Portland, Me.
Dec.	16	William Dale Euler	St. Louis, Mo.
		Lora Lee Eaton	St. Louis, Mo.
Dec.	20	Marion Frank Lema	Newport, R. I.
		Joan Carol Ann Ackert	Riviera Beach, Fla.
Dec.	23	Frank Bartolucci	New York, N. Y.
		Grace Adelaide Nolting	New York, N. Y.
Dec.	23	Stanley Charles Schwartz	Baltimore, Md.
		Hilda Olte Timmerman	Baltimore, Md.
Dec.	30	Frank Lyons	Ayer.
		Dorothy Bushnoe	Ayer.

DEATHS RECORDED, A. D. 1950

Jan.	7	Nannie L. (Hutchinson) Lemeris—79 years, 10 months, 16 days.
Jan.	14	Nicholas Francis Murray—46 years, 5 months, 2 days.
Jan.	16	Etta May Claflin—87 years.
Jan.	17	Stillborn.
Jan.	20	Edward Hubbard Mullin—32 years, 10 months, 26 days.
Jan.	25	Bertie Herbert Phelps—76 years, 10 months, 21 days.
Jan.	28	George J. Morin—56 years, 3 months, 20 days.
Jan.	31	Claire (Bond) Denoncourt—23 years, 8 months, 5 days.
Feb.	2	Elwin H. Longley—81 years.
Feb.	3	Mary Ann Griffin—82 years, 3 months, 1 day.
Feb.	21	Stillborn.
Feb.	25	Calixte Girard—81 years, 4 months, 14 days.
March	5	Patrick Joseph Cogan—65 years, 2 months, 9 days.
March	5	Frank Badger Harmon—76 years, 3 months, 22 days.

March	6	Paul Lemeris—54 years, 6 months, 12 days.
March	13	Frederick Lincoln Souther—81 years, 4 months, 9 days.
March	24	Rose Alice (Burke) Ford—33 years, 7 months, 10 days.
March	29	Simon Lundstrom—66 years, 8 months, 8 days.
April	25	Malvina Caza—76 years, 9 months, 5 days.
May	2	Clarence H. Kinney—92 years, 6 months, 7 days.
May	19	Charles Knowles Bolton—82 years, 6 months, 2 days.
May	21	Rene J. Radcliffe—48 years, 7 months, 19 days.
May	30	Earl Mann Ansell—48 years, 4 months, 16 days.
June	4	Fred Alonzo Smith—80 years, 10 months, 13 days.
June	18	George Henry Little—74 years, 7 months, 26 days.
June	20	George Lincoln Priest—82 years, 0 months, 25 days.
June	21	Eva C. (Blackney) Virtue—69 years, 11 months, 26 days.
June	29	Jesse Davenport—62 years, 7 months, 5 days.
July	1	Louis Gatti—63 years.
July	7	Frank E. Sanders—81 years, 10 months, 2 days.
July	7	Eva M. Andrew—74 years, 1 day.
July	9	Charles Odell—58 years.
July	21	Alice M. (Watkins)Stone 84 years, 7 months, 17 days.
Aug.	5	Vernon A. Porter—48 years, 2 days.
Aug.	6	Chester Russell Andrew Millett—53 years, 9 months, 6 days.
Aug.	17	Mary J. Wolfe—79 years.
Sept.	2	James E. McGuane—71 years, 1 month, 21 days.
Sept.	21	Hugh E. Donahue—47 years, 3 months, 6 days.
Sept.	22	Albert E. Little—71 years, 11 months, 2 days.
Sept.	25	Ethel Belle (Baldwin) Blood—65 years, 6 months, 9 days.
Sept.	28	John E. Wiseman—61 years, 10 months, 26 days.
Oct.	8	Bert Henry Galpin—2 hours, 4 minutes.
Oct.	12	Guy Bolton Remick—80 years, 11 months, 28 days.
Oct.	18	Harry E. Woods—71 years, 4 months, 19 days.
Oct.	21	Mary E. O'Brien—76 years, 6 months, 27 days.
Oct.	24	Sarah Barter (Didham) Barry—73 years, 5 months, 11 days.

Oct.	28	Joseph Ewart Johnston—71 years, 5 months, 23 days.
Oct.	30	Willard W. Fleet—87 years, 4 months.
Oct.	31	Charles Eliot Goodspeed—83 years, 5 months, 29 days.
Dec.	7	Nellie A. (Walsh) Whitcomb—83 years, 9 months, 2 days.
Dec.	8	Minnie H. Evans—84 years, 11 months, 27 days.
Dec.	11	Jennie Cousin (Little) McBride—76 years, 8 months, 18 days.
Dec.	11	Bridget (Graelis) McGuane—76 years, 11 months, 7 days.
Dec.	12	Joseph Roy—64 years.
Dec.	14	Alice M. (Donahue) Burdell—59 years.
Dec.	16	Alfred Jensen—69 years, 7 months, 16 days.
Dec.	17	Ethel (Capen) Wright—74 years, 9 months, 21 days.
Dec.	20	Charles E. Belanger—69 years, 1 month, 7 days.
Dec.	28	John L. Pingry—78 years, 5 months, 22 days.

RECAPITULATION

Births recorded in 1950		329
Marriages recorded in 1950		110
Deaths recorded in 1950		59
Stillborn	2	
Under 1 year	1	
1-19 years	0	
20-39 years	3	
40-59 years	10	
60-79 years	27	
Over 80 years	16	
	59	

All persons interested are requested to examine the foregoing reports of births, marriages, and deaths and report any errors or omissions to the Town Clerk in order that the records may be corrected.

In accordance with Chapter 46, Section 15 of the General Laws, public notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk is prepared to furnish blanks for the return of births to parents,

housekeepers, physicians, midwives and registered hospitals, medical officers applying therefor.

HUNTING, FISHING AND TRAPPING LICENSES ISSUED IN 1950

201	Resident Citizen Fishing @ $2.00	$ 402.00
110	Resident Citizen Hunting @ $2.00	220.00
104	Resident Citizen Sporting @ $3.25	338.00
96	Resident Citizen Minor and Female Fishing @$1.25	120.00
2	Resident Citizen Trapping Minor @ $2.25	4.50
8	Resident Citizen Trapping @ $5.25	42.00
8	Non-resident Fishing—Three day @ $1.50	12.00
1	Non-resident Fishing, Minor @ $2.25	2.25
3	Non-resident Fishing @ $5.25	15.75
1	Duplicate License @ $ .50	.50
132	Non-resident Military and Naval Sporting @ $2.00	264.00
87	Resident Military and Naval Sporting—Free	———
24	Resident Citizen Sporting—70 Yrs. or older—Free	———
1	Resident Citizen Fishing—Old age assistance—Free	———
778	Total Licenses	$ 1,421.00
	Less Clerk's Fees—665 Licenses (No fees on Duplicate or Free Licenses)	166.25
	Paid Division of Fisheries and Game	$ 1,254.75

DOG LICENSES ISSUED IN 1950

222	Male @ $2.00	$ 444.00
43	Female @ $5.00	215.00
91	Spayed Female @ $2.00	182.00
4	Kennel @ $10.00	40.00
10	Soldiers'—Free	———
370	Total Licenses	$ 881.00

Less Clerk's Fees—360 Licenses	72.00
Paid Treasurer	$ 809.00

MISCELLANEOUS LICENSES ISSUED IN 1950

9 Oleomargerine Licenses @ $ .50	$ 4.50
24 Gasoline Licenses @ $ .50	12.00
1 Gasoline Licenses @ $2.00	2.00
Paid Treasurer	$ 18.50

THEODORE W. BARRY,
Town Clerk.

IN MEMORIAM

Guy B. Remick

Town Auditor 1903-1908; Town Clerk 1908-1936

We note with regret the death on October 12, 1950, of a distinguished former town official, Mr. Guy B. Remick. His term of twenty-eight years as Town Clerk, the longest of any incumbent of this office, was characterized by honest and uncompromising integrity and faithful and meticulous performance of the many and exacting duties of a very important office. His exceptional tact, good sense and keen judgment won the respect and confidence of all his fellow-townsmen.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

WELFARE—OUTDOOR RELIEF

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 3,000.00

Expenditures

Joseph M. Markham, Salary	$ 57.50	
George V. Moore, Salary	57.50	
Frank C. Harmon, Salary	57.50	
John T. Bresnahan, Salary and travel and expense	263.86	
Retirement Fund	9.24	
Doris M. Hanigan, travel	2.72	
City of Fitchburg	8.00	
Ayer Fire Dept.	5.00	
Cash Payments	1,653.20	
Thomas F. Wright	7.00	
Community Memorial Hospital	81.50	
Edward B. Hopkins, M.D.	72.00	
Union Cash Market	40.00	
James V. McHugh, M.D.	3.00	
The Leominster Hospital	90.00	
Stop & Stop, Inc.	5.00	
Margaret Friedrich	30.00	
Brown's Drug Store	61.33	
Ayer Meat Market	124.00	
First National Stores, Inc.	93.00	
Edmund L. Hyde	14.00	
Town of Shirley	27.00	
Town of Groton	214.03	
McGuane Shoe Store	7.90	
R. F. Wetherbee, M.D.	9.00	
Hill's Drug Store	.88	
H. H. Proctor Co.	1.20	
		$ 2,995.36
Unexpended Balance		$ 4.64

WELFARE—INDOOR RELIEF

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 3,900.00

Expenditures

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bean, Salary	$ 1,186.20
Retirement Fund	133.80
R. B. Marvin & Sons	12.77
Clifford W. McNulty	1.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	91.50
Wachusett Electric Co.	53.86
Boston Consolidated Gas Co.	61.41
C. D. Carrow	9.31
Miller's Garage	42.70
George Hyde	154.32
Wentworth Hardware Co.	52.74
Moore Lumber Co., paper	9.12
E. L. Blood & Son, butchering	10.00
H. Schwartz & Sons	1.50
Highland Market, provisions	380.00
Ayer Ice Co., fuel, ice	126.50
Sunshine Feed Stores	517.08
San-Vel Contracting Co.	24.00
Charles W. Patten	15.65
Joseph P. Sullivan & Co.	1.10
Everett Hill, labor	32.30
Reed Ham Works	10.29
Ayer Meat Market	147.03
Linwood Noddin	14.00
Farm Bureau Association	6.55
Miller Furniture Co.	15.95
George Langlois	27.65
I. E. Smith	15.45
E. O. Proctor Co.	17.60
Nicholas P. Laggis	18.65
Farnsworth Bros.	197.76
R. W. Thayer Tractor Co.	26.00
Francis J. Fitzgerald, D.V.M.	81.00
Ayer Ice Co., fuel, ice	30.10
Tolles-Moore Inc.	46.88
Commissioner Public Safety	5.00
Fletcher Bros.	51.37

H. H. Proctor Co.	8.55	
William Brown	6.51	
Albert F. Arlen, labor	162.99	
Joseph M. Markham	60.45	
Parker Electrical Service	28.65	
Dr. Ralph H. Wylie	4.00	
		$ 3,899.29
Unexpended Balance		$ .71

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 4,000.00
Refund	19.05
	$ 4,019.05

Expenditures

A. D. C. Payrolls	$ 4,014.99
Unexpended Balance	$ 4.06

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN ADMINISTRATION

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 300.00

Expenditures

John T. Bresnahan, Salary	$ 95.38	
Doris M. Hanigan, Salary	165.47	
Withholding Tax	25.80	
Retirement Fund	13.35	
		$ 300.00

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN U. S. GRANTS

Receipts

Federal Grants	$ 2,353.77

1949 Balance	105.85
	$ 2,459.62

Expenditures

A. D. C. Payrolls	$ 1,133.34
Unexpended Balance	$ 1,326.28

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN ADMINISTRATION

U. S. GRANTS

U. S. GRANTS

Receipts

Federal Grants	$ 309.52
1949 Balance	139.87
	$ 449.39

Expenditures

John T. Bresnahan, travel and expense	$ 25.33	
Doris M. Hanigan, travel	15.76	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	78.80	
United Com. Service of Met. Boston	10.00	
Desk Clearing House	67.50	
James R. Pender, P. M.	55.95	
Lowell Stationery Co., Inc.	9.95	
Kidder's Express	5.00	
Hobb's & Warren, Inc.	18.95	
Wentworth Hardware Co.	2.55	
Frank Z. Martel	1.00	
		$ 290.79
Unexpended Balance		$ 158.60

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 40,000.00

Refund		36.90
		$ 40,036.90

Expenditures

O. A. A. Payrolls	$ 39,182.45	
City of Boston	93.30	
City of Worcester	193.77	
Town of Littleton	50.00	
City of Lowell	231.54	
City of Newburyport	128.56	
Town of Tyngsborough	75.21	
Town of Shirley	82.07	
		$ 40,036.90

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 1,310.00

Expenditures

John T. Bresnahan, Salary and travel	$ 768.42	
Doris M. Hanigan, Salary	391.01	
Withholding Tax	82.80	
Retirement Fund	67.77	
		$ 1,310.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

U. S. GRANTS

Receipts

Federal Grants	$ 30,193.45
1949 Balance	2,609.25
	$ 32,802.70

Expenditures

O. A. A. payrolls	$ 25,524.51
Unexpended Balance	$ 7,278.19

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
U. S. GRANTS

Receipts

Federal Grants		$ 2,046.86
1949 Balance		150.93
		$ 2,197.79

Expenditures

Joseph M. Markham, Salary	$ 85.00	
George V. Moore, Salary	85.00	
Frank C. Harmon, Salary	85.00	
John T. Bresnahan, Salary and travel	608.74	
Doris M. Hanigan, Travel	285.52	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	71.65	
John C. Moore Corp.	13.21	
Hardware Mutual Casualty Co.	1.79	
Wentworth Hardware Co.	1.99	
United Com. Service of Met. Boston	23.19	
Mass. Conference of Social Work	3.00	
James R. Pender, P. M.	58.17	
Lowell Stationery Co.	13.24	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	29.85	
		$ 1,365.35
Unexpended Balance		$ 832.44

AIRPORT ACCOUNT

Receipts

1949 Balance	$ 909.78

Expenditures

George L. Wilson	$ 130.00
Unexpended Balance	$ 779.78

BAND CONCERTS

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 800.00

Expenditures

Payroll (Ayer Fire Dept. Band Fund)	$ 800.00

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 1,700.00

Expenditures

Charles A. Mullin, Salary and expenses	$ 517.50	
Frank E. Harlow, Salary and expense	512.50	
Alfred P. Richardson, Salary	502.50	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	34.05	
Ayer Maytag Store	14.34	
Banker & Tradesman	14.00	
Association of Mass. Assessors	6.00	
Helen H. Hilton	60.60	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	24.32	
		$ 1,685.81
Unexpended Balance		$ 14.19

BOARD OF HEALTH

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 3,600.00
ppr opriation, Special Town Meeting		480.00
		$ 4,080.00

Expenditures

Nashoba Assoc. Boards of Health	$ 3,100.00	
Registry of Motor Vehicles	3.00	
Holden C. Harlow, garage rent	8.00	
Mass. General Hospital	480.00	
Ayer Plumbing & Heating Supply Co.	10.00	
Frank S. Bennett Agency	67.88	
Charles W. Brown, signs	15.00	
E. O. Proctor Co.	214.45	
Edward O'Brien	32.00	
G. V. Moore Lumber Co., sign	6.25	
Sunshine Stores, Inc.	70.99	
Midd. Co. Sanatorium Store	6.50	
		$ 4,014.07
		$ 65.93

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 2,595.00

Expenditures

Joseph M. Markham, Salary	$ 345.00	
George V. Moore, Salary	345.00	
Frank C. Harmon, Salary	345.00	
Juliet E. Allen, Salary	1,339.00	
Withholding Tax	143.00	
Retirement Fund	78.00	
		$ 2,595.00

CARE OF PATIENTS

MIDDLESEX COUNTY SANATORIUM

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 500.00
Appropriation, Special Town Meeting	500.00
	$ 1,000.00

Expenditures

Middlesex County Sanatorium	$ 934.50
	$ 65.50

CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 2,000.00
Treasury Appropriation	4,000.00
	$ 6,000.00

Expenditures

Highway payrolls	$ 1,203.11	
Withholding Tax	68.50	
Retirement Fund	22.92	
Trimount Bituminous Co.	1,106.93	
Stanley Harris	34.10	

Richard Sylvester	32.95	
Delwin Rockwood	37.50	
Mass. Broken Stone Co.	1,634.01	
San-Vel Contracting Co.	909.85	
P. J. Keating	346.78	
C. E. Craft	27.00	
American Oil Products Co.	576.35	
		$ 6,000.00

CHAPTER 90—NEW CONSTRUCTION

Receipts

Appropriations, tax levy	$ 4,125.00
Treasury Appropriation	7,500.00
Appropriation, Special Town Meeting	4,875.00
	$ 16,500.00

Expenditures

Payroll	$ 1,276.50	
Withholding Tax	74.00	
Retirement Fund	23.84	
P. J. Keating Co.	10,285.42	
Mass. Broken Stone Co.	144.38	
American Gas Accumulator Co.	83.50	
Moore Lumber Co.	11.20	
San-Vel Contracting Co.	12.52	
H. E. Fletcher Co.	328.84	
		$ 12,240.20
Unexpended Balance		$ 4,259.80

COMMUNITY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 500.00

Expenditures

Community Memorial Hospital	$ 500.00

COUNTY PENSION AND EXPENSE FUND

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 2,615.00

Expenditures

Middlesex County Retirement System	$ 2,615.00

COUNTY TAX

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 8,265.24

Expenditures

Middlesex County Treasurer	$ 8,265.24

COURT JUDGMENT—PERSONAL INJURIES CLAIM

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 750.00

Expenditures

Leonard F. Riggs	$ 750.00

EAST MAIN STREET BRIDGE

Receipts

1949 Balance	$ 2,500.00

Expenditures

No Expenditures	00.00
Unexpended Balance	$ 2,500.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 10,300.00
Refunds	32.00
	$ 10,332.00

Expenditures

Bills paid per order of Engineers.....	10,327.27
Unexpended Balance.....	$ 4.73

For detailed report of expenditures, see report of Fire Engineers.

FIRE STATION ADDITION

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy.....	$ 2,000.00

Expenditures

San-Vel Contracting Co.....	$ 219.25	
G. V. Moore Lumber Co.....	588.28	
George Langlois.....	12.10	
W. E. Aubuchon, Inc.....	29.92	
General Mills, Inc.....	7.20	
Wentworth Hardware, Inc.....	4.98	
Paul K. McGuane.....	61.38	
Rodney Kidder.....	6.02	
Demers Plate Glass Co.....	244.00	
Superior Welding Service.....	5.00	
Norman E. Day, electrician.....	73.88	
Home Roofing Co.....	62.00	
George L. Moison Co.....	10.80	
Tolles-Moore.....	13.19	
Robert B. Winslow.....	562.00	
The Hartnett Tanning Co.....	100.00	
		$ 2,000.00

FOREST WARDEN

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy.....	$500.00

Expenditures

Payroll.....	$ 159.72
George L. Donahue, Salary.....	35.00
American-LaFrance-Foamite Corp.....	28.49

Wentworth Hardware Co.	22.00	
E. O. Proctor Co.	13.30	
Harry J. Lowell Co.	176.40	
Franklyn M. Hynes	24.00	
Fire Protection Co.	3.56	
Lester Fillebrown, labor	10.00	
Rodney Kidder, labor	10.00	
		$ 482.47
Unexpended Balance		$ 17.53

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 15,500.00
Duplicate payment of invoice	6.75
	$ 15,506.75

Expenditures

Payroll	$ 8,144.99
Withholding Tax	289.40
Retirement Fund	155.27
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	76.80
Municipal Street Sign Co., Inc.	196.09
Sunshine Feed Store	36.18
Nashoba Oil Co.	7.50
Granitkrafts	15.50
H. Schwartz & Sons	11.90
Montuori Bros., Inc.	2.48
Ernest E. Hanson	103.26
Irving Schultz & Co.	50.05
John R. Lyman Co.	16.20
Gilby's Service Station	7.26
Farnsworth Bros.	64.53
San-Vel Contracting Co.	649.63
George Langlois	47.34
Robert G. Campbell	8.00
Wentworth Hardware Co.	124.45
Blocks, Inc.	138.00
P. K. Lindsay Co.	60.85

Mass. Broken Stone Co.	1,040.53
E. O. Proctor Co.	577.95
Panther Oil & Grease Mfg. Co.	51.74
George Hyde	714.99
Homer G. Davenport	189.76
G. V. Moore Lumber Co.	157.85
Cities Service Oil Co.	480.00
Trimount Bituminous Products Co.	256.04
Radio T. V. Lab.	.95
Joseph Raffles, compensation	50.00
P. J. Buckwold	.75
Brown Sign Co.	24.00
Ayer Motor Mart	111.95
W. E. Aubuchon Co.	3.45
Dyar Sales & Machinery Co.	47.00
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	6.72
Railway Express Co.	3.99
M. D. Stetson	25.60
E. W. Systrom Co.	67.20
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	18.55
General Mills, Inc.	166.80
Turner's Public Spirit	6.00
Joseph M. Markham, insurance	161.79
Charles W. Brown	15.00
Files & O'Keefe Co.	47.50
Carl H. Robie	4.00
Union Cash Market	11.30
Erastus B. Lewis	1.50
Ayer Motor Sales, Inc.	163.37
The Maintenance Co., Inc.	76.65
Worcester Foundry Co.	260.00
John L. Bean	.75
Perkins-Eaton Machinery Co.	18.12
T. & M. Welding Co.	27.10
Jenney Service Station	131.27
Ayer Ice Co.	55.60
Whitmore Printing Co.	27.50
Standard Sign & Signal Co.	100.80
E. K. Willard	126.00
Ronald Simpson	4.80
Moore, & Kling Co., Inc.	35.68
Ayer Motor Express	1.20

C. D. Carrow	1.30	
Fitchburg Office Supply	1.02	
R. W. Thayer Tractor Co.	.75	
O'Clair's Repair Shop	13.00	
Craigin & Wilkins Co., Inc.	13.00	
		$ 15,506.50
Unexpended Balance		$ .25

INSURANCE

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 1,670.00

Expenditures

Joseph M. Markham	$ 545.70	
Houghton B. Priest	545.70	
Frank S. Bennett Agency	551.05	
		$ 1,642.45
Unexpended Balance		$ 27.55

INTEREST

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 6,250.00

Expenditures

First National Bank of Boston	$ 4,441.25	
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	75.00	
Wellesley National Bank	35.00	
First National Bank of Ayer	60.00	
		$ 4,611.25
Unexpended Balance		$ 1,638.75

JOSEPH M. CONNORS POST #139, A. L.

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 300.00

Expenditures

Clarence M. Chase, Officer		$ 300.00

LIBRARY

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 2,500.00

Expenditures

Treasurer Ayer Library		$ 2,500.00

MEMORIAL DAY

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 150.00

Expenditures

Eagle Fireworks Co.	$ 38.91	
Devens Post #2132 V.F.W.	10.50	
		$ 49.41
Unexpended Balance		$ 100.59

MIDDLESEX COUNTY SANATORIUM

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 1,942.31

Expenditures

Middlesex County Treasurer		$ 1,942.31

MISCELLANEOUS

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 6,500.00
Appropriation, Special Town Meeting		1,000.00
		$ 7,500.00

Expenditures

Payroll	$ 245.21
Withholding Tax	174.50
Clarence M. Chase	30.75
Frank C. Harmon	30.75
Henry G. Turner	30.75
Alfred Fortin, custodian Town Hall	1,402.02
Phyllis F. Wells	85.00
Walter F. Picard	10.00
George McDowell	20.00
Irene Sheain	10.00
Ferne Halleran	10.00
Eva J. Hyde	10.00
Harold L. Pillman	10.00
Ida K. Naparstek	32.50
Richard E. Sylvester	25.00
Mary W. McGuane	27.50
Dorothy M. Wiseman	29.50
William N. Scruton	22.50
William J. Donlon	10.00
O. Hartwell Kidder	27.50
Ralph O. Jenkins	10.00
Harry R. Draper	22.00
Geraldine Moore Tolles	10.00
Herman T. Allen	7.50
Charles A. Mullin	10.00
Thomas D. Smith	5.00
Farnsworth Bros., fuel oil	552.05
G. V. Moore Lumber Co., Inc.	23.75
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	110.30
Edward O'Brien, dog officer	234.00
W. A. Bean	18.00
G. C. Prince & Son, Inc.	21.35
Tolles-Moore, Inc., hose floor seal, etc.	24.52
Charles W. Knowlton, Association dues	27.00
Wachusett Electric Co.	914.91
Commissioner of Public Safety	.70
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	14.00
Wentworth Hardware Co.	122.37
Alfred E. Oikle	3.32
Spring Brook Ice Co., fuel oil	590.79
Joseph M. Markham	15.20

U. S. O. Inc.	4.00	
James R. Pender, P. M.	24.48	
Fitchburg Office Supply, office supplies.	17.71	
Ralph H. Richardson	19.50	
Whitmore Printing Co.	58.40	
Breed & Gates	5.00	
P. J. Buckwold, keys	2.50	
Gilby's Service Station	1.44	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc., office supplies	4.74	
Ayer Sporting Goods Shop, keys	.50	
Bowmar & Larkin, legal services	75.00	
Ayer Ice Co., fuel oil	499.62	
Juliet E. Allen	2.00	
City Locksmith Service	6.85	
The Leominster Printing Co., Inc.	1,008.25	
Clifford McNulty, plumbing	127.30	
M. D. Stetson Co.	20.30	
Turner's Public Spirit	3.50	
Union Cash Market, sundries	20.75	
Robert Cogan	13.00	
Joseph J. & Helen W. Pillsbury	30.00	
Paula M. Walsh	12.00	
Theodore W. Barry, deed expense	3.78	
Woodlawn Cemetery Co., care town land	35.00	
Nashoba Armed Services, Y.M.C.A.	10.00	
Spaulding-Moss Co., street list	60.69	
J. H. Thorlby Co., office supplies	40.70	
George L. Wilson, legal services	192.00	
W. Aubuchon Co., Inc.	1.10	
William Brown	1.03	
Howard M. Beverly	19.50	
Delwin B. Rockwood	2.00	
Carl H. Fernald, door repair	3.00	
Frank Z. Martel, cartage	27.00	
John F. Logan, association dues	6.00	
Parker Electrical Service	12.35	
Paul K. McGuane	3.35	
		$ 7,354.58
Unexpended Balance		$ 145.42

MODERATOR

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 50.00

Expenditures

Ralph H. Richardson		$ 50.00

MOTH SUPPRESSION

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 1,000.00

Expenditures

James S. Draper, labor	$ 412.86	
Carl L. Porter, labor	253.46	
Withholding Tax	5.10	
Retirement Fund	21.95	
James S. Draper, truck and tractor	100.00	
James S. Draper, travel and expense	9.00	
Theron C. Taylor	8.40	
R. W. Thayer Tractor Co.	.65	
Wentworth Hardware Co., Inc.	3.06	
Fitchburg Office Supply	2.15	
John E. Ryan	10.20	
Carl L. Porter, transp.	2.00	
Max Levine & Co.	2.40	
Frost Insecticide Co.	102.55	
Scannell Boiler Works	7.50	
General Mills, Inc.	19.84	
Gilby's Service Station	33.73	
Nashoba Garage	5.00	
		$ 999.85
Unexpended Balance		$ .15

NASHOBA HEALTH UNIT

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 1,586.80

Expenditures

Nashoba Associated Boards of Health		$ 1,586.80

NOTES AND BONDS

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 23,000.00

Expenditures

First National Bank of Boston	$ 20,000.00	
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.	3,000.00	
		$ 23,000.00

OUTFALL SEWER

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 1,000.00

Expenditures

Payroll	$ 154.61	
Withholding Tax	5.00	
Retirement Fund	2.75	
H. R. Prescott & Sons	76.14	
Law & Ingham Trans. Co., Inc.	1.20	
Hedge & Mattheis Co.	21.60	
Warren Pipe Co. of Mass., Inc.	336.96	
Builders-Providence, Inc.	93.38	
		$ 691.64
Unexpended Balance		$ 308.36

PEARL STREET EXTENSION

Receipts

1949 Balance		$ 318.56

Expenditures

San-Vel Contracting Co.	$87.37	
Trimount Bit. Products Co.	231.19	
		$ 318.56

PARKING METER FEES

Receipts

Receipts		$ 6,921.51

Expenditures

The Dual Parking Meter Co.	3,445.22
Unexpended Balance	$ 3,578.86

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Receipts

Receipts	$ 480.33

Expenditures

Bills	$ 110.00
Unexpended Balance	$ 370.33

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 15,000.00
Appropriation, Special Town Meeting	300.00
	$ 15,300.00

Expenditures

Ernest L. Downing	$ 2,662.20
Earl R. Pillman	2,597.02
Paul L. Boisseau	880.90
Walter F. Picard	1,495.30
Anthony J. Persuitte	418.55
Stanley D. Harris	1,488.90
Newell M. Robinson	389.70
Delwin B. Rockwood	168.00
Withholding Tax	1,212.40
Retirement Fund	651.20
Robert L. Day	22.00
Ally Rakip	302.60
Richard E. Sylvester	1,232.61
Robert Greenough	93.00
Russell E. Rakip	302.90
Howard Hatch	18.00
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	179.76
Wachusett Electric Co.	13.58
State Prison Colony Industries	15.00
Dr. Edward B. Hopkins	58.50

Kleenit, Inc.	3.00
Ayer Motor Express	3.60
Daniel Bubon	18.00
Ernest L. Downing, expense	21.00
Wentworth Hardware Co.	11.47
Alfred J. Fortin	37.50
George M. Hyde	325.60
J. H. Curran	108.59
Earl R. Pillman, expense	20.00
Woods' Sunoco Service	45.27
G. V. Moore Lumber Co.	16.00
State Department Correction	6.00
Jenney Service Station	9.30
Gilby's Service Station	22.41
Standard Sign & Signal Co., Inc.	20.18
Parker Electrical Service	2.18
The N. E. Paper Co.	5.64
Elvina Bushnoe, matron service	44.85
Nashoba Y. M. C. A.	20.00
J. J. Barry & Co.	3.00
E. O. Proctor Co.	6.50
James R. Pender, P. M., postage, box rent	10.00
Homer G. Davenport	19.05
Joseph M. Markham	121.00
Times Free Press Co.	7.00
Feltus Motor Co., Inc.	22.32
E. A. Sifakis	9.17
Godin Store #6, mdse.	1.17
Mooney & Thompson	95.45
Office Equipment Co.	1.02
Whitmore Printing Co.	17.40
Ayer Motor Sales, Inc.	.99
Thomas Lindsay	15.00
R. W. Thayer	28.22
	$ 15,300.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT
METER MAINTENANCE
Receipts

Appropriation	$ 1,600.00

Appropriation, Special Town Meeting		1,400.00
		$ 3,000.00

Expenditures

Walter F. Picard	$ 1,626.00	
Homer G. Davenport	147.00	
James R. Pender, P. M.	18.96	
Phyllis F. Wells	265.00	
Payroll (Snow Removal)	106.09	
Withholding Tax	6.80	
Retirement Fund	1.31	
Stanley Stone	5.00	
The Dual Parking Meter Co.	112.35	
Wentworth Hardware Co., Inc.	2.72	
Brandt Automatic Cashier Co.	252.83	
Whitmore Printing Co.	23.95	
William P. Egan	22.20	
J. H. Thorlby Co., typewriter repairs	22.50	
James L. Hurton	125.00	
Fletcher Bros.	24.30	
Alfred J. Fortin	10.00	
Woods' Sunoco Service	24.81	
Godin Stores	1.17	
Radio T. V. Lab.	.49	
Richard Bushnoe	6.00	
Weston Emergency Light Co.	34.50	
Russell Uniform Co.	6.21	
Railway Express Co.	3.01	
		$ 2,848.20
Unexpended Balance		$ 151.80

POLICE DEPARTMENT—NEW CRUISER

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 300.00

Expenditures

Hillside Garage	$ 225.00
Unexpended Balance	$ 75.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT—RADIO

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 857.00

Expenditures

Town of Groton	$ 500.00	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	305.79	
Stone's Radio Shop	35.13	
Gerald L. Jubb	15.00	
		$ 855.92
Unexpended Balance		$ 1.08

POLICE DEPARTMENT—TRAFFIC SIGNS

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 300.00

Expenditures

Clifford W. McNulty	$ 24.01	
State Prison	4.00	
Jacob Slarskey, pipe	16.40	
Standard Sign & Signal Co.	97.70	
George Langlois	13.50	
Railway Express Agency	2.14	
Frank Z. Martel	3.00	
Alfred J. Fortin	4.00	
Whitmore Printing Co.	3.00	
		$ 167.75
Unexpended Balance		$ 132.25

PREMIUM ON BONDS

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 426.00

Expenditures

Joseph M. Markham	$ 351.35
Unexpended Balance	$ 74.65

PUBLIC DUMP

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 550.00

Expenditures

M. Stavropoulos	$ 143.35	
Withholding Tax	13.20	
San-Vel Contracting Co.	22.00	
Tahanto Farm	69.85	
Franklyn M. Hynes	30.00	
Harry L. Wood	38.62	
Meridian Steel Co., steel plate	102.48	
T. and M. Welding Shop	97.50	
Chandler Machine Co.	7.00	
Jacob Slarskey	25.00	
Sunshine Stores, Inc.	1.00	
		$ 550.00

PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE

Receipts

Appropriation, Special Town Meeting	$9,950.00

Expenditures

Joseph J. Pillsbury	$ 9,950.00

JOSEPH J. RAFFLES INJURIES

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Receipts

Appropriation, Special Town Meeting	$ 552.94

Expenditures

Dr. Joseph A. McLean	$ 152.00	
Dr. A. Leo Brett	25.00	
Community Memorial Hospital	373.50	
William Brown	2.44	
		$ 552.94

RECORDING AND INDEXING

Receipts

1949 Balance		$ 314.60

Expenditures

Kidder's Express	$ 2.65	
Theodore W. Barry, expense	7.00	
		$ 9.65
Unexpended Balance		$ 304.95

RECREATION PLAYGROUND

Receipts

Appropriation, Special Town Meeting		$ 2,800.00

Expenditures

Payroll	$ 158.82	
Donald Levine	7.80	
Homer G. Davenport	2.40	
Albert Popoli, Jr.	9.50	
Wachusett Electric Co.	4.00	
G. V. Moore Lumber Co.	83.35	
David Gray	18.05	
San-Vel Contracting Co.	8.80	
Alphy J. Martell	27.00	
Paul K. McGuane	99.67	
George Langlois, labor, material	15.33	
McDowell Bros.	200.00	
Franklyn M. Hynes	60.00	
Robert Mullan	45.00	
Robert B. Winslow, Construction bath-house	1,825.00	
John Brady	19.99	
Wentworth Hardware Co.	7.50	
		$ 2,592.01
Unexpended Balance		$ 207.99

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 850.00

Expenditures

Ralph H. Wylie, Salary	$ 100.00	
William J. Donlon, Salary	100.00	
Edward J. Halleran, Salary	100.00	
Theodore W. Barry, Salary	150.00	
Wentworth Hardware Co.	1.20	
St. John & McColl, Inc.	10.50	
Ralph O. Jenkins, census	83.50	
Mary W. McGuane, census	80.25	
Turner's Public Spirit	73.32	
Whitmore Printing Co.	50.00	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	8.91	
Spaulding-Moss Co.	71.31	
Theodore W. Barry	3.00	
James R. Pender, P. M.	16.36	
		$ 848.35
Unexpended Balance		$ 1.15

ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 600.00

Expenditures

Dyar Sales & Machinery Co.	$ 191.75	
Conant Iron Works Co.	28.48	
George Langlois	5.50	
Homer G. Davenport	46.85	
Files & O'Keefe Co.	30.77	
Ayer Motor Sales, Inc.	195.55	
Ayer Motor Mart	101.10	
		$ 600.00

SCHOOLS

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 136,735.00
Appropriation, Dog Tax refund		689.22
		$ 137,424.22

Expenditures

Payroll	$ 92,902.67	
Withholding Tax	10,960.10	
Retirement Fund	4,926.83	
Blue Cross	796.50	
Miscellaneous Bills	25,140.02	
		$ 134,726.12
Unexpended Balance		$ 2,698.10

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 300.00

Expenditures

Harry L. Wood, Salary	$ 300.00

SEWER CONSTRUCTION

Receipts

1949 Balance	$ 7,882.97

Expenditures

Payroll	$ 143.00	
Withholding Tax	4.60	
Ayer Motor Express	1.69	
Hedge & Mattheis Co.	12.62	
Robert B. Winslow	58.00	
Tolles-Moore, Inc.	8.64	
		$ 228.55
Unexpended Balance		$ 7,654.42

SEWERAGE MAINTENANCE

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 3,310.00

Expenditures

Payroll	$ 126.42	
John L. Bean, Salary	739.50	
Burton E. Goodrich, Salary	468.00	
Elizabeth L. Chase, Salary	286.80	
Withholding Tax	60.90	
Retirement Fund	39.34	
Bailey Meter Co.	47.90	
G. V. Moore Lumber Co.	5.21	
Brown's Drug Store	2.10	
George Hyde	1.50	
Wentworth Hardware Co.	1.63	
Houghton B. Priest	50.00	
Boston & Maine R. R.	5.00	
Whitmore Printing Co.	26.75	
Bernard J. McGuane	150.00	
Sunshine Feed Store	3.47	
Wachusett Electric Co.	1,088.82	
J. F. McDermott Co.	49.81	
Groton Cemetery Prop.	28.00	
Sheldon's Express, Inc.	1.20	
Raymond Narey	15.20	
E. & F. King & Co., Inc.	28.50	
Ralph P. Hall, Inc.	78.38	
		$ 3,304.43
Unexpended Balance		$ 5.57

SIDEWALKS—EXTENSIONS

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 500.00

Expenditures

Payroll	$ 174.26	
Wentworth Hardware Co.	.80	

G. V. Moore Lumber Co., Inc.	26.75	
P. J. Keating Co.	290.42	
		$ 492.23
Unexpended Balance		$ 7.77

SIDEWALKS—MAINTENANCE

Receipts		
Appropriation, tax levy		$ 1,000.00
Expenditures		
Payroll	$ 486.94	
Withholding Tax	37.20	
Retirement Fund	10.47	
G. V. Moore Lumber Co.	92.25	
P. J. Keating Co.	370.40	
		$ 997.26
Unexpended Balance		$ 2.74

SNOW REMOVAL

Receipts		
Appropriation, tax levy		$ 3,500.00
Appropriation Special Town Meeting		1,500.00
		$ 5,000.00
Expenditures		
Payroll	$ 2,622.27	
Withholding Tax	109.60	
Retirement Fund	44.00	
General Mills, Inc.	433.86	
Superior Welding Services	8.00	
C. E. Craft	76.50	
Harry Graves	15.61	
Alphy J. Martell	51.00	
Moore Lumber Co.	71.90	
San-Vel Contracting Co.	321.81	

Robert B. Winslow	51.00	
Anchor Steel Co.	47.14	
Files & O'Keefe Co.	130.76	
Steel Utilities Corp.	463.95	
Sunshine Feed Store	535.00	
Elm Street Garage	14.50	
		$ 4,996.90
Unexpended Balance		$ 3.10

SOLDIERS' GRAVES

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 250.00

Expenditures

George H. Willis	$ 90.00	
Woodlawn Cemetery Co.	160.00	
		$ 250.00

SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH

Receipts

Receipts		$ 10,425.02

Expenditures

Anna Markham	$ 550.06	
Alice Burdell	138.20	
Frances Laliberte	421.38	
Doris Ziemba	153.36	
Doris Montgomery	269.38	
Aileen Roach	176.50	
Joan Schwartz	198.48	
Irene Roman	60.00	
Margaret Williams	231.38	
Withholding Tax	391.26	
Bills	7,554.75	
The Veritas Co.	22.27	
		$ 10,167.02
Unexpended Balance		$ 258.00

STATE TAXES

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 1,825.98

Expenditures

State Audit Tax	$ 1,319.80	
State Parks and Reservations Tax	506.18	
		$ 1,825.98

STREET LIGHTING

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 9,180.00

Expenditures

Wachusett Electric Co.	$ 9,087.40
Unexpended Balance	$ 92.60

TAX COLLECTOR

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 2,575.00
Appropriation, Special Town Meeting, tax taking costs	50.00
Refund	3.50
	$ 2,628.50

Expenditures

Theodore W. Barry, Salary	$ 1,550.00
Theodore W. Barry, Tax Taking	8.35
Elizabeth L. Chase, Salary	478.00
Withholding Tax	92.00
Retirement Fund	30.00
William Doyle	60.00
Turner's Public Spirit	10.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	38.15
Connac Products Co.	9.90
James R. Pender, P. M.	115.12
Tabor Stamp Works	3.39
K. G. Veasie	35.00

Mass. Collectors' and Treasurers' Assoc.	2.00	
J. H. Thorlby Co., office supplies.....	6.05	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.....	32.48	
Moody & Regan.....	11.00	
A. W. LaFond & Co.....	111.20	
		$ 2,593.14
Unexpended Balance.....		$ 35.36

TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy.....	$ 100.00

Expenditures

No expenditures.....	00.00
Unexpended Balance.....	$ 100.00

TOWN CLERK

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy.....	$ 1,965.00

Expenditures

Theodore W. Barry, Registrations....$	641.75
Theodore W. Barry, Salary.....	215.00
Elizabeth L. Chase, Salary.....	513.20
Withholding Tax.....	113.80
Retirement Fund.....	33.00
Incidental expenses.....	67.23
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.....	30.11
The Lawyers' Co-operative Pub. Co....	26.00
Community Memorial Hospital, statistical returns.....	53.25
Ribbon & Carbon Products Co., Inc....	4.25
James R. Pender, P. M.....	83.08
William Doyle.....	28.00
Walter A. Blasenak.....	5.00
Whitmore Printing Co.....	93.50

N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	34.70	
G. C. Prince & Son, Inc.	22.25	
Commissioner of Public Safety	.60	
		$ 1,964.72
Unexpended Balance		$ .28

TOWN CLERK—BINDING RECORDS, ETC.

Receipts		
Appropriation, tax levy		$ 500.00
Expenditures		
George Coleman Co.	$ 85.65	
Turner's Public Spirit	40.00	
		$ 125.65
Unexpended Balance		$ 374.35

TOWN HALL—ARCHITECT

Receipts		
1949 Balance		$ 400.00
Expenditures		
Bohaker Elec. Sales & Contracting Co.	$ 109.40	
Alfred V. Boisseau	190.00	
		$ 299.40
Unexpended Balance		$ 100.00

TOWN HALL REPAIRS

Receipts	
Appropriation, tax levy	$ 5,000.00
1949 Balance	219.43
	$ 5,219.43

Expenditures

Clifford W. McNulty	$ 421.90	
Alfred E. Oikle	171.68	
William P. Egan	3,203.88	
Parker Electrical Service	113.83	
Tolles-Moore, rental, edger, mdse.	13.76	
Alphy Martell	30.00	
P. K. McGuane	90.21	
G. V. Moore Lumber Co.	26.91	
Carswell, Hawthorne, Inc., floor police station	125.00	
Brown Sign Service	18.90	
Home Roofing	85.50	
William J. Boisvert, masonry	400.00	
		$ 4,701.57
Unexpended Balance		$ 517.86

TOWN INFIRMARY REPAIRS

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 1,200.00
Appropriation, Special Town Meeting	375.00
Appropriation, Special Town Meeting	125.00
	$ 1,700.00

Expenditures

Linwood Noddin	$ 1,058.00	
Turner's Public Spirit	3.25	
G. V. Moore Lumber Co., Inc.	28.12	
Home Roofing Co.	608.12	
Wentworth Hardware Co.	2.51	
		$ 1,700.00

TOWN PARK—FOOTBALL FIELD

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 6,000.00
1949 Balance	783.58
	$ 6,783.58

Expenditures

Payroll	$ 528.62	
George Desaw	28.50	
Albert Popoli, Jr.	245.50	
Frederick A. Hill	57.48	
David Gray	42.75	
Theron Taylor, Jr.	40.85	
Franklin W. Harlow	272.65	
John L. Bean	27.25	
Ross Burns	22.00	
Robert Hayden	16.00	
Murray Clark	11.87	
Raymond Narey	6.60	
Neville Markham	10.07	
Retirement Fund	.32	
Withholding Tax	20.10	
Wentworth Hardware Co.	32.96	
Hugh McGrath	130.00	
J. W. Pelletier	10.00	
Alphy J. Martell	941.50	
San-Vel Contracting Co.	29.00	
Explosive Supply Co., Inc.	19.01	
Tahanto Farm, labor, bulldozer	1,610.00	
Ayer Ice Co.	12.89	
Sunshine Feed Stores	306.54	
George Hyde	2.80	
Lull& Hartford	48.70	
General Mills, Inc.	9.80	
John Eliades	51.00	
Horace Partridge	23.70	
Fenimore Sales, Inc.	156.40	
G. V. Moore Lumber Co.	101.46	
Smith & Co's Express	2.11	
		$ 4,818.43
Unexpended Balance		$ 1,964.15

TREASURER

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 1,465.00

Expenditures

Leslie C. Wells, Salary	$ 865.22	
Withholding Tax	169.40	
Retirement Fund	54.38	
Furniture Industry	30.75	
Dimond-Union Stamp Works, Inc.	1.92	
G. C. Prince & Son, Inc.	8.42	
Mass. Collectors' and Treas. Assn.	2.00	
Wentworth Hardware Co.	1.69	
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	58.35	
James R. Pender, P. M.	103.12	
First National Bank of Ayer	75.66	
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	14.79	
State Report	50.00	
		$ 1,435.70
Unexpended Balance		$ 29.30

TREE WARDEN

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy	$ 1,000.00

Expenditures

James S. Draper, labor	$ 472.34
Carl L. Porter	271.11
Theron C. Taylor, Jr.	10.25
Roger K. Van Tassell, Jr.	3.15
Norman McCrossin	5.00
Withholding Tax	11.30
Retirement Fund	22.34
James S. Draper, truck	103.00
James S. Draper, transp. and expense	4.74
Frost Insecticide Co.	38.09
Joseph Bushong	2.00
Richard E. Sylvester	3.00
American-LaFrance-Foamite Corp.	21.23
Fitchburg Office Supply	5.23

Wentworth Hardware Co.	8.90	
Sudbury Nurseries, Inc.	16.50	
		$ 998.18
Unexpended Balance		$ 1.82

TREE PLANTING

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 400.00

Expenditures

James S. Draper, labor	$ 112.01	
James S. Draper, truck	31.00	
Carl L. Porter	75.05	
Theron C. Taylor, labor	10.50	
Withholding Tax	2.30	
Retirement Fund	6.74	
Fitchburg Office Supply	2.15	
Sudbury Nurseries, Inc.	138.00	
General Mills, Inc.	13.50	
San-Vel Contracting Co.	7.50	
		$ 398.75
Unexpended Balance		$ 1.25

UNPAID BILLS—BOARD OF HEALTH

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 342.98

Expenditures

Nashoba Assoc. Boards of Health	$ 300.00	
E. O. Proctor Co.	35.68	
Sunshine Feed Store	7.30	
		$ 342.98

UNPAID BILLS—CARE OF PATIENTS

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 46.50

Expenditures

Middlesex County Sanatorium		$ 46.50

UNPAID BILLS—FIRE DEPARTMENT

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 176.80

Expenditures

Ayer Ice Co.	$ 88.80	
Roger Lawrence	42.00	
Carl Huntington	4.00	
Payroll (probationers)	42.00	
		$ 176.80

UNPAID BILLS—RECREATION PLAYGROUND

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 25.00

Expenditures

Sunshine Feed Store		$ 25.00

UNPAID BILLS—STREET LIGHTING

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 1,022.03

Expenditures

Wachusett Electric Co.		$ 1,022.03

UNPAID BILLS—WELFARE (O.R.)

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 292.92

Expenditures

Massachusetts General Hospital		$ 292.92

VETERANS' BENEFITS

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 2,500.00
Appropriation, Special Town Meeting		1,000.00
		$ 3,500.00

Expenditures

Cash Payments	$ 2,728.75	
John T. Bresnahan, travel	21.92	
Al's Restaurant	16.50	
Joseph A. McLean, M.D.	72.00	
Ayer Ice Co.	144.46	
Union Cash Market	20.00	
H. P. Hood & Sons	57.50	
Ayer Meat Market	50.00	
Town of Clinton	8.00	
Lt. Stanley G. Benner Det., Marine Corps League	30.00	
Edward B. Hopkins, M.D.	15.00	
Francis A. O'Toole, M.D.	25.00	
Maple Leaf Cafe	10.00	
City of Somerville	20.00	
Town of Groton	.50	
Community Mem. Hospital	112.50	
Groton Hospital	27.00	
Edmund L. Hyde	17.50	
Boston Con. Gas Co.	29.31	
		$ 3,405.94
Unexpended Balance		$ 94.06

VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Receipts

Appropriation, tax levy		$ 2,000.00

Expenditures

City of Leominster	$ 617.26	

Middlesex County	26.00	
City of Fitchburg	213.49	
		$ 856.75
Unexpended Balance		$ 1,143.25

WATER DEPARTMENT

Receipts	
Appropriation, tax levy	$ 22,595.00
Expenditures	
Bills paid per order of Board of Public Works	$ 22,589.22
Unexpended Balance	$ 5.78

(For detailed report of expenditures see report of Board of Public Works)

WATER DEPARTMENT

PLEASANT STREET EXTENSION

Receipts	
Appropriation, Special Town Meeting	$ 1,200.00
Expenditures	
Bills paid per order of Board of Public Works	$ 1,199.49
Unexpended Balance	$ .51

(For detailed report of expenditures see report of Board of Public Works.)

WATER MAINS EXTENSION

WRIGHT ROAD

Receipts	
Appropriation, tax levy	$ 3,000.00

Expenditures

Bills paid per order of Board of Public Works	$ 2,999.03
Unexpended Balance	$ .97

(For detailed report of expenditures see report of Board of Public Works.)

WITHHOLDING TAX

Receipts

Received from all departments		$ 14,620.52

Expenditures

Collector of Internal Revenue	$ 6,742.90	
Federal Reserve Bank of Boston	7,877.62	
		$ 14,620.52

RETIREMENT FUND

Receipts

Received from all departments	$ 2,563.20

Expenditures

Middlesex County Retirement System	$ 2,563.20

REFUNDS

Excise and Real Estate tax per order of the Tax Collector	$ 740.13
Dog Tax	$ 803.60

JOSEPH M. MARKHAM
GEORGE V. MOORE
FRANK C. HARMON

Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF SELECTMEN LAYING OUT EXTENSION OF HIGH STREET

We, the undersigned, Selectmen of the Town of Ayer, gave notice of our intention to lay out a town way to be known as High Street, from Winthrop Avenue to Thornton Street, as shown on a plan hereinafter mentioned, such notice informing all persons interested that at our room in the Town Hall on the sixth day of June, 1950, at eight o'clock p. m. a hearing would be given thereon, and the owners of the land over which said town way is proposed to be laid out, and the persons owning the land abutting on said proposed street were given notices thereof, seven days at least before said meeting. And pursuant to said notice we met at the time and place appointed for the hearing and heard the remarks of all persons who desired to be heard, and there were no objections. And, having viewed and examined the route of said town way as hereinafter described, we do adjudge that common convenience and necessity require that said extension of High Street as hereinafter set forth, be laid out as a town way, and it is hereby so laid out.

The land over which said town way is laid out, and which is hereby accepted therefor, is described as follows:

Description of Proposed Extension of High Street

Beginning at the southwesterly corner of a stone pier at the intersection of the northerly line of High street with the easterly line of Winthrop Avenue at the southwesterly corner of Lot No. 88 as shown on "plan of House Lots in Ayer, Mass. Laid out for Edward A. Richardson first addition to Nonacoicus Park. Horace C. Hovey, Surveyor", recorded with Middlesex South District Deeds, Book 5477, Page 572; thence running S.55°45′ by said Lot No. 88, being land of Community Memorial Hospital, Inc., three hundred and twenty (320) feet, as shown on said plan, to a stone bound at the southeasterly corner of said Lot No. 88; thence running S.34°15′ W. across said High St. forty (40) feet to a drill hole in ledge at the intersection of the southerly line of High Street with the easterly line of

Thornton Street at the northwesterly corner of Lot No. 87, as shown on said plan; thence running N. 55°45′ W. across the end of said Thornton Street and by Lot No. 85, being land of Edward A. Richardson, and by Lot No. 83, being land of Lillian A. Wright, three hundred and twenty (320) feet, as shown on said plan, to a stone bound at the intersection of said southerly line of High St. with said easterly line of Winthrop Avenue; thence running N.34°15′E. by said easterly line of Winthrop Avenue, or the end of the present accepted part of High St., forty (40) feet, as shown on said plan, to the point of beginning. Copy of said plan as shown to us at said hearing and verified by our signatures and adopted as a part of this record. This land has been conveyed to the town by deed of the owners thereof. Said town way as laid out is hereby reported to the town for acceptance and when so accepted and allowed by the town is to be called "High Street Extension." The said plan and this record, together with a copy of the notice of our intention to lay out said road, are this day filed by us in the office of the Town Clerk.

JOSEPH M. MARKHAM,
GEORGE V. MOORE,
FRANK C. HARMON,
Board of Selectmen of Ayer.

REPORT OF VETERAN'S SERVICES DIVISION

Appropriation	$ 2,500.00	
Special appropriation	1,000.00	
		$ 3,500.00
Amount expended		3,405.94
Unexpended Balance		$ 94.06
Amount received by Town from:		
State		$ 795.60

CASE LOAD

The present case load of the department is 3, comprising 12 people. 14 cases comprising 50 persons were aided during the year.

INTERVIEWS

A total of 35 visits was made during the year, 30 in Ayer, and 5 outside of Ayer. The following is a list of the outside visits.

Boston	2	Cambridge	2
		Billerica	1

JOSEPH M. MARKHAM,

Veterans' Agent

REPORT OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

1950

Much of the organized programs conducted by the Middlesex County Extension Service are planned on a county basis with these programs available to every town in the county. Organized projects such as mastitis or Green Pastures for dairymen; flock health for the poultrymen; clothing and food for the homemakers or the various 4-H Club programs for boys and girls, are brought to the individual farmers or homemakers in a general way through the County Bulletin, radio, newspaper publicity, meetings or through correspondence and farm and home visits. In addition to this general work of the Extension Service, work in each town is developed under the guidance of the town director and the local groups interested in agriculture, homemaking and Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club work.

The town of Ayer is really the marketing center for the New England apple industry and many of the projects in producing quality apples for Middlesex County are centered around leadership and meetings in the town of Ayer.

While there are not many dairy farms in Ayer, the dairymen within the town have taken an active part in the dairy programs for improved roughage production and increased milk production through more efficient farm management and herd care. A very successful Twilight Dairy Meeting was held during the year at the farm of John Eliades.

Programs in all phases of homemaking are available to Ayer women through the County Extension Service. During the year local women attended an Extension meeting on "Slick Tricks in Home Care."

Other services available to local homemakers are: timely releases on homemaking news in the County Bulletin, monthly homemakers' newsletter, and local newspapers; information center for individual homemakers' problems; occasional radio and television presentations directed to local women's interests; annual Homemakers' Day and Homemakers' Camp held at the 4-H Club Camp Middlesex in Ashby.

GEORGE LEE BIXBY,
Director.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

DEPARTMENTAL		
Collector of Taxes		
1949 Taxes—Property—Excise	$ 21,671.99	
1950 Taxes—Property—Excise—Poll.	190,988.41	
		$212,660.40
Water Department		
Water Rates		$ 29,468.60
Sewer Department		
Sewer Rates	$ 7,834.50	
Front footage assessments	5,411.22	
		$ 13,245.72
School Department		
Tuition—Shirley	$ 4,776.00	
Tuition—Fort Devens—Devencrest—Harvardevens	38,329.82	
Tuition—Individuals	287.66	
Rent and sale of book	64.00	
		$ 43,457.48
Special School Lunch		$ 10,425.02
Physical Education		$ 480.33
Police Department		
Town Hall Rent	$ 190.00	
Phone booth commission	23.06	
Lock up fees	99.50	
Bicycle Registrations	13.00	
Damage to meter post	5.00	
		$ 330.56
Parking Meter Fees		$ 6,890.44
Sealer of Weights and Measures		
Fees		$ 219.78
Town Farm		
Sale of butter, livestock, etc.		$ 1,397.65

Fines, Fees, etc.		
No. Middlesex District Court		$ 380.60
Licenses and Permits		
Liquor, 1950	$ 1,350.00	
Liquor, 1951	4,450.00	
Used Car	195.00	
Victuallers	125.00	
Taxi	119.00	
Others issued by Selectmen	226.00	
Issued by Board of Health	43.50	
Issued by Fire Department	69.50	
Issued by Town Clerk	825.70	
		$ 7,403.70
Sale of Notes		
Water Main Extension, Wright Road	$ 3,000.00	
Public Works Garage	8,000.00	
		$ 11,000.00
Withholding Tax		$ 14,620.52
Retirement Fund		$ 2,563.20
COUNTY		
Reimbursed for care and killing of dogs	$ 97.00	
Dog tax refund	689.22	
		$ 786.22
FEDERAL GRANTS		
Old Age Assistance	$ 30,193.45	
Old Age Assistance Administration	2,046.86	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,353.77	
Aid to Dependent Children Administration	309.52	
		$ 34,903.60
STATE		
Income Tax	$ 50,056.49	
Old Age Assistance	24,733.16	
Aid to Dependent Children	1,893.35	
Corporation Tax	11,840.21	
Vocational Education	1,802.45	

Commissioner of Veterans' Services	1,203.84	
Meal Tax	1,441.03	
Dept. Public Health, subs. for Cities and Towns	420.71	
H. & P. Licenses	20.00	
Temporary Aid and Transportation	263.97	
Reimbursed a/c loss of taxes	141.36	
Co-operative Plowing	48.00	
		$ 93,864.57

REFUNDS

O.A.A. Cities and Towns	$ 704.96	
O.A.A. Individuals	36.90	
Welfare—Cities and Towns	158.15	
Welfare—Individual	38.00	
A.D.C.—Individual	19.05	
Fire Department	32.00	
Highway Department	6.75	
Tax Collector	3.50	
		$ 999.31

ALL OTHER SOURCES

Hartwell Trust Fund	$ 786.28	
U.S.O.Inc., share of light installation	900.00	
U.S.O.Inc., share of oil	40.84	
Y.M.C.A. share of oil	128.51	
Checks not used	52.00	
Telephone call	.30	
Sale of land to J. P. Sullivan	100.00	
Sale of junk radiators	3.00	
Premium on notes	12.00	
Rent—School Street Property	180.00	
		$ 2,202.93
TOTAL RECEIPTS		$487,300.63

EXPENDITURES

TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR 1950	$470,265.37

(Detailed by Departments under Selectmen's Report.)

CASH RECONCILIATION

Cash on hand, January 1, 1950	$ 150,393.50	
Receipts for the year	487,300.63	
		$637,694.13
Cash on hand, December 31, 1950	None	
General Fund	$ 128,581.43	
Sewer Fund	38,847.33	
Payments for the year	470,265.37	
		$637,694.13

STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS

NOTES		
Additional Wells and Equipment due 1951	$ 3,000.00	
Water Main Extension due $3,000.00 —1951/52; $1,000.00—1953	7,000.00	
Public Works Garage, due $2,000.00 —1951/54	8,000.00	
BONDS		
Sewer Construction, $13,000.00 due 1951/57 $12,000.00 due 1958/67 $ 5,000.00 due 1968/69	221,000.00	
		$239,000.00
Loans authorized but not issued		$114,000.00

TRUST FUNDS

MAGGIE FURY WELFARE FUND

Balance, January 1, 1950	$ 80.87	
Interest	1.61	
		$ 82.48
No Withdrawals.		
Balance, December 31, 1950		$ 82.48

JESSE J. ANGELL FUND

Balance, January 1, 1950	$ 1,045.98	
Interest	21.01	
		$ 1,066.99
No Withdrawals.		
Balance, December 31, 1950		$ 1,066.99

THOMAS H. PAGE FUND

Interest Account

Balance, January 1, 1950	$ 749.88	
Interest	15.52	
Dividends	325.00	
		$ 1,090.40
No Withdrawals.		
Balance, December 31, 1950		$ 1,090.40

LESLIE C. WELLS,

Treasurer.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

The Collector of Taxes herewith submits his report of collection of taxes for the year ending December 31, 1950.

1949 EXCISE TAXES

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1949	$ 1,280.04
Commitment of January 11	194.16
Commitment of January 20	141.08
Interest	.93
Refunds	67.60
	$ 1,683.81

Collected and paid Treasurer	$ 1,146.49
Abatements	469.72
Refunds	67.60
	$ 1,683.81

1949 PROPERTY TAXES

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1949	$ 20,608.93
Interest	574.67
Refunds	23.00
	$ 21,206.60

Collected and paid Treasurer	$ 20,525.50
Tax Titles	99.20
Abatements	397.90
Refunds	23.00
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1950	161.00
	$ 21,206.60

1950 POLL TAXES

Commitments	$ 2,478.00
Interest	2.84
	$ 2,480.84
Collected and paid to Treasurer	$ 2,050.84
Abatements	430.00
	$ 2,480.84

1950 EXCISE TAXES

Commitments	$ 38,067.40
Interest	4.46
Refunds	656.97
	$ 38,728.83
Collected and paid Treasurer	$ 25,606.41
Abatements	9,538.67
Refunds	656.97
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1950	2,926.78
	$ 38,728.83

1950 PROPERTY TAXES

Commitments	$ 189,481.60
Interest	32.62
	$ 189,514.22
Collected and paid Treasurer	$ 163,331.16
Tax Titles	91.30

Abatements	3,821.40
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1950	22,270.36
	$ 189,514.22

SEWER ASSESSMENTS

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1949	25,913.28
Interest	561.64
	$ 26,474.92

Collected and paid Treasurer	$ 5,441.22
Abated	22.50
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1950	21,011.20
	$ 26,474.92

THEODORE W. BARRY,

Tax Collector.

REPORT OF
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Ayer, Mass.

The following is my report for the year 1950:

Scales over 10,000 lbs.	3
Scales from 5,000 to 10,000 lbs.	1
Scales from 100 to 5,000 lbs.	36
Scales or balances under 100 lbs.	58
Weights	183
Liquid Measures	31
Gasoline Meters	39
Grease Meters	21
Vehicle Tank Meter Systems	6
Oil Pumps	1
Leather Measuring Machines	4
Yard Sticks	15
Total Devices Sealed	398
Total Devices Adjusted	18
Reweighings of commodities put up for sale	135
Reweighings of coal	2
Sealing Fees Collected	$ 187.15
Charges Collected for Adjustments	5.00
Paid to Town Treasurer	$ 192.15

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY L. WOOD,

Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

There were 15 cases of dog bites reported and investigated and were quarantined. In no case were the dogs found diseased and the quarantine was lifted.

The total number of livestock owned within the town Dec. 31, 1950 is as follows:

104 cows and 12 were purebred.

19 young cattle, 3 were purebred.

107 sheep, 51 swine, 10 horses, 3 bulls.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. BEAN,

Animal Inspector.

REPORT OF TOWN INFIRMARY

House	$ 7,500.00
Barn	1,000.00
Garage	800.00
Vegetables and Canning	850.00
Feeds	3,000.00
Live stock	2,500.00
House Furnishing	250.00
Fertilizer	500.00
Farm Equipment	1,200.00

INMATES JANUARY 1, 1951

Inmates	4
Warden and Matron Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bean	
Whole number of inmates	4
Largest number at one time	4
Smallest number at one time	3

Four inmates between the ages of 60 and 80 years of age, 1 cripple.

Respectfully submitted,

MR. and MRS. W. A. BEAN,

Warden and Matron.

AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the books of the various Town Officers as listed below and find them to be in agreement with the Town Treasurer as listed in their respective reports:

Town Infirmary.
Sealer of Weights and Measures.
Police Department.
Board of Health.
Town Clerk.
Tax Collector.
Water Department.
Sewer Department.
Commissioners of Trust Funds.
Town Treasurer.
Board of Selectmen.

HENRY G. TUTNER
BENJAMIN F. TAFT
FRANK C. HARMON

Town Auditors.

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

January 1, 1951

Report of Dog Officer during 1950.

Picked up twenty-five stray dogs. As no one claimed them Mr. Bean gassed them.

Picked up fifteen dogs hit by cars and one large cat.

EDWARD O'BRIEN,

Dog Officer.

REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Ayer, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my fifth annual report for the Ayer Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1950.

OFFENSES

Drunkenness	144
Motor vehicle law violations	101
Operating unregistered and uninsured car	14
Driving under the influence	23
Disturbing the peace	7
Gaming and present at	4
Registering bets	1
Lewd and lascivious cohabitation	4
Stubborn child	1
Vagrancy	2
Weapon carrying	1
Deserted from the Army	3
Assault	8
Evading fare	1
Larceny of automobile	4
Trespassing	1
Held for questioning	15
Shirley Industrial School boys apprehended	37
Runaways from other towns	8
Safekeeping	6
Lodgers	44
	429
Business establishments found open	72
Assisted sick and injured persons	12
Street lights reported out	57
Lost children returned to homes	3
Motor vehicle violations sent in to Registry	70
Property damage accidents	134
Personal injury accidents	22

AYER POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Ernest L. Downing—Chief
Earl R. Pillman—Sergeant
Walter F. Picard—Patrolman
Paul L. Boisseau—Patrolman
Russell Rakip—Patrolman
*James J. Curran—Patrolman

* Officer Curran is on military leave, serving with the armed forces.

Money received for: rent of Town Hall, telephone booth, lock-up fees and bicycle plates, total for which I have receipts of the Town Treasurer:

Total	$ 331.56

PARKING METERS REPORT

Total receipts for 1950	$ 6,890.44
One-half sent to Meter Co. for payment	3,445.22
Amount owed Meter Co. as of 1/1/51	1,008.00

On the basis of current receipts, the town should own these meters by May 1, 1951.

Appropriated for maintenance at special Town Meeting	$ 1,400.00
Available for maintenance	2,045.22
Total parking violations during 1950	609
First Offenders—(warning)	563
2nd offenders 38 @ $1.00 each	$ 38.00
3rd offenders 6 @ $2.00 each	12.00
4th offenders 2 @ $3.00 each	6.00
Six summoned to court for failing to return notices and fined	22.00

This makes a total of $78.00 in fines returned to the Town Treasury.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend that a traffic light be installed at the intersection of Main and Washington Streets. This light would have a control switch at the Fire Station, which would be used

whenever the fire apparatus would use this intersection in answering an alarm. There would also be a push button switch for the use of pedestrians crossing Main Street at Washington. This matter has been discussed with the Fire Engineers and they approve of such a light.

I recommend a white way light on the west side of Columbia Street in front of the entrance to the Post Office, which is a very dark area.

I also recommend that two yellow blinking lights be installed, one on each island at the intersection of Park and Main Streets, also a "Stop" sign for eastbound traffic coming out of Park Street.

I wish at this time to thank the personnel of the First District Court of Northern Middlesex County and the personnel of all other departments who have assisted me in the performance of my duties.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST L. DOWNING,
Chief of Police.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Appropriation Annual Meeting		$ 3,600.00
Appropriation Special Town Meeting		480.00
Total		$ 4,080.00
Nashoba Associated Boards of Health	$ 3,100.00	
Registry of Motor Vehicles	3.00	
Holden C. Harlow	8.00	
Massachusetts General Hospital	480.00	
Ayer Plumbing & Heating Supply	10.00	
Frank S. Bennett Agency	67.88	
Charles W. Brown	15.00	
E. O. Proctor Co.	214.45	
Edward O'Brien	32.00	
G. V. Moore Lumber Co.	6.25	
Sunshine Stores Inc.	70.99	
Middlesex Co. Sanatorium Store	6.50	
	$ 4,014.07	
Unexpended Balance		$ 65.93
Special Appropriation for Nashoba Health Unit		$ 1,586.80
Bills Paid		$ 1,586.80
Special Appropriation for Care of Patients at Middlesex County Sanatorium	$ 1,000.00	
Bills Paid	934.50	
Unexpended Balance	$ 63.50	

EDWARD B. HOPKINS, M.D.
HENRY T. SMITH
GEORGE L. DONAHUE

Board of Health

LIST OF JURORS

PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN OF AYER

June 27, 1950

NAME	RESIDENCE	OCCUPATION
Harold B. Allen	89 East Main Street	Inspector
Herman T. Allen	Littleton Road	Bacteriologist
Raymond J. Angell	52 Park Street	Carpenter
Peter C. Baker	Sandy Pond	Personnel Supt.
Howard M. Beverly	12 High Street	Druggist
Enrico Blasetti	26 Pearl Street	Engineer
Alfred V. Boisseau	73 East Main Street	Painter
Arthur G. Bulkeley	Groton-Shirley Road	Clerk
Frederick W. Burrill, Jr.	74 Pleasant Street	Trainman
Theodore G. Carlson	54 Pleasant Street	Carpenter
John M. Carrigan	50 Cambridge Street	Yardmaster
John L. Carroll	2 Pearl Street	Truck-driver
Thomas S. Casey	11 Elm Street	Lineman
Clarence M. Chase	5 High Street	Clerk
Henry J. Clancy	29 Washington Street	Storekeeper
Peter J. Conway	29 Columbia Street	Clerk
Eli Cornellier	54 Jackson Street	Unemployed
George H. Cote	11 Grove Street	Fireman
William J. Donlon	85 Washington Street	Clerk
John Fitzgerald	10 Pond Street	Clerk
John C. Guthrie, Jr.	26 Fletcher Street	Foreman
Frank E. Harlow	27 Grove Street	R. R. Clerk
Holden C. Harlow	21 Coolidge Road	Clerk
Walter C. Harris	7 Church Street	Foreman
John V. Henry	Sandy Pond Road	Poultryman
William F. Horgan	10 East Street	Ice Dealer
Olin W. Jenkins	99 Pleasant Street	Accountant
O. Hartwell Kidder	30 Fletcher Street	Expressman
Frank L. Maxwell	78 Washington Street	Retired
John A. McClellan	24 Cambridge Street	Taxi-driver
John E. McCrossin	175 West Main Street	Guard
Thomas W. McGovern	Wachusett Avenue	Clerk
James E. McGuane	111 West Main Street	Retired
James A. Morrison	21 Mill Street	Janitor
Charles A. Mullin	58 Washington Street	Assessor
Raleigh C. Mullin	74 East Main Street	Time-keeper
Joseph J. Pillsbury	39 Pleasant Street	Proprietor
Ralph H. Richardson	8 Washington Street	Real Estate
Martin Scullane	22 Nashua Street	Retired
Frank Stanton	12 Pearl Street	Machinist
Richard E. Sylvester	6 Grove Street	Photographer
Harry B. Walmsley	15 Grove Street	Clerk
Harry L. Waterman	45 Fletcher Street	Garage Owner
Leon J. Wheeler	15 Lawton Street	Watchman

We certify that the foregoing list of inhabitants of the Town of Ayer in our opinion are qualified to serve as jurors, prepared by us on the twenty-seventh day of June, A.D., 1950, in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 234 of the General Laws and amendments thereof.

JOSEPH M. MARKHAM,
GEORGE V. MOORE,
FRANK C. HARMON,
Board of Selectmen of Ayer.

REPORT OF
COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS

JESSE J. ANGELL FUND

For aiding the deserving poor residing outside the Town Farm and not receiving full support from the Town.

Account No. 18423—North Middlesex Savings Bank.

Balance, January 1, 1950	$ 1,045.98	
Interest to January 1, 1951	21.01	
		$ 1,066.99
No expenditures in 1950		
Balance, January 1, 1951		$ 1,066.99

THOMAS H. PAGE FUND

For the use and benefit of the common schools.

The corpus of this trust, $15,000.00, is on deposit in the same fifteen Massachusetts Savings Banks as were listed on Page 134 of the Town Report for the year 1946. No school improvement projects were brought to the attention of the Commissioners. They have allowed the interest to accumulate without expenditure.

Interest Account—North Middlesex Savings Bank.

Balance, January 1, 1950	$ 749.88	
Interest to January 1, 1951	340.52	
Total interest subject to expenditure		$ 1,090.40
No expenditures in 1950		
Balance, January 1, 1951		$ 1,090.40

Respectfully submitted,

KENDALL V. PIERCE
RALPH H. RICHARDSON
FRANK C. HARMON
Commissioners of Trust Funds

REPORT OF
BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Appropriation	$ 3,000.00	
Amount Expended	2,995.36	
Unexpended Balance		$ 4.64
Amonts received by Town from:		
Individual	$ 38.00	
Littleton	115.75	
New Bedford	20.40	
Lawrence	22.00	
State	263.97	
Amounts due Town from:		
Littleton	$ 18.50	
New Bedford	6.00	
Somerville	340.00	

CASE LOAD

The present case load of the department is 3, comprising 7 persons. During the year the department cared for 17 families, consisting of 39 people, exclusive of outside Ayer settled cases. The following is the case load of the department by months:

January	3	July	3
February	3	August	4
March	4	September	3
April	3	October	5
May	3	November	3
June	4	December	7

INTERVIEWS

There was a total of 46 interviews made, 29 were in Ayer and 17 outside of Ayer. The following is a tabulation of the visits made outside of Ayer.

Tewksbury	3	Leominster	2
Waltham	5	Somerville	2
Boston	3	Harvard	1
		Lowell	1

CONCLUSION

The Agent wishes to express his sincere appreciation for the cooperation received from the citizens and officials of the Town during the year 1950.

JOHN T. BRESNAHAN, Agent

REPORT OF THE DIVISION OF AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation	$ 4,000.00	
Cancelled Checks refunded	19.05	
		$ 4,019.05
Amount Expended		4,014.99
Unexpended Balance		$ 4.06
U. S. GRANTS:		
Amounts received, A.D.C. assistance	$ 2,353.77	
1949 Balance	105.85	
Total		$ 2,459.62
Amount Expended		1,133.34
Unexpended Balance		$ 1,326.28
Amounts received, A.D.C. Administration	$ 309.52	
1949 Balance	139.37	
Total		$ 449.39
Amount Expended		290.79
Unexpended Balance		$ 158.60
Amount received by Town from:		
State	$ 1,829.50	

CASE LOAD

The present case load of the Division is 2 families, consisting of 7 dependent children. A total of 9 families was aided

during the year, comprising 19 dependent children. The following is the case load of the Division by months:

January	6	July	5
February	7	August	5
March	7	September	4
April	8	October	4
May	7	November	2
June	6	December	2

INTERVIEWS

There was a total of 111 interviews made during the year, 109 were in Ayer, 2 outside of Ayer, both in Lowell.

The average monthly cash grant for the two families for December, 1950, was $156.95.

JOHN T. BRESNAHAN, Agent.

REPORT OF THE BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation	$ 40,000.00	
Amount expended	40,000.00	
U. S. GRANTS:		
Amount received, O.A.A. Assistance	$ 30,193.45	
1949 Balance	2,477.50	
Cancelled Checks refunded	54.15	
Total		$ 32,725.10
Amount Expended		25,524.51
Unexpended Balance		$ 7,200.59
Amount received, O.A.A. Administration	$ 2,046.86	
1949 Balance	150.93	
Total		$ 2,197.79
Amount Expended		1,365.35
Unexpended Balance		$ 832.44

Amount due Town from Federal Government for O.A.A. Assistance for Nov. and Dec., 1950	$ 4,473.57
Amount due Town from State for O.A.A. Assistance for Nov. and Dec., 1950	$ 3,898.87
Amount due Town from:	
Cambridge	$ 215.10
Amount received by Town from:	
Fitchburg	$ 81.83
Newton	96.06
Shirley	91.26
Littleton	182.87
Lowell	47.85
Harvard	72.09
Boston	75.00
Fitchburg	58.00
State	24,733.16

CASE LOAD

The present case load of the Bureau is 79 cases. There were 17 applications received during the year, 13 were accepted, 4 were rejected: 1 for excessive assets; 1 for excessive income; 1 under 65 years; 1 for no necessary eresidence. 20 cases were closed during the year, 9 by death, 5 by transfer to another town, 2 moved out of state, 2 by reason of excessive assets, 2 by reason of excessive income.

The case load of the Bureau by months was as follows:

January	87	July	90
February	90	August	89
March	89	September	90
April	89	October	90
May	92	November	83
June	91	December	79

INTERVIEWS

There was a total of 764 interviews made during the year, 698 in Ayer and 66 outside of Ayer. The following is a record of the outside visits:

Taunton	1	Worcester	3
Fitchburg	6	Littleton	1
Boston	13	Pepperell	1
Clinton	2	Deerfield	1
Framingham	1	Leominster	36
Hudson, N. H.	1		

CONCLUSION

Although a gross amount of $65,524.51 was spent during the year for assistance, the net cost to the town was only $9,892.94.

JOHN T. BRESNAHAN, Agent.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

Total Appropriations		$ 386,390.92
State Parks and Reservations	$ 382.59	
1949 Underestimate State Parks and Reservations	123.42	
State Audit	1,319.80	
Sect. 27A Clause 111	1,586.80	
Contributory Retirement Assessment	2,615.00	
	$ 6,027.61	6,027.61
County Tax	$ 10,132.81	
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	3,790.04	
1949 Underestimate County Tax	873.64	
1949 Underestimate Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	395.84	
	$ 15,192.33	15,192.33
Overlay		4,565.92
Gross Amount to be raised		$ 412,176.78

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Income Tax	$ 43,739.07
Corporation Tax	16,845.06
Reimbursement State Owned Land	173.09
Old Age Tax Meals	1,416.26
Chapter 804 Acts of 1949	1,180.34
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	21,460.08
Licenses	9,468.98
Fines	136.00
General Government	1,524.58
Health and Sanitation	56.50
Charities	3,795.69
Old Age Assistance	24,154.23
Veterans' Benefits	1,272.84
Schools	47,530.00

Public Service Enterprises	26,917.62	
Interest on Taxes	626.42	
1949 Overestimates State Parks and Reservations	180.98	
Amounts taken from Available Funds	19,741.44	
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	$ 220,219.18	$220,219.18
Net Amount to be raised on Polls and Property		$191,957.60
Tax Rate $44.00 Per Thousand		
Number of Polls 1238 @ $2.00		2,476.00
Personal Property Tax		35,898.50
Real Estate Tax		153,583.10
Total Taxes Levied on Polls and Property		$191,957.60
Value of Assessed Personal Property		$815,875.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate		$3,490,525.00
Total Valuation		$4,306,400.00

Number of persons assessed on Personal Property	99
Number of persons assessed on Real Estate	831
Number of persons assessed on both	50
Number of horses assessed	12
Number of cattle assessed	95
Number of swine assessed	2
Number of sheep assessed	81
Number of fowl assessed	7000
Number of all other assessed	200
Number of acres of land assessed	4122
Number of dwelling houses assessed	838

During the year Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Taxes amounting to $38,324.81 have been levied on 2447 vehicles with a total valuation of $1,033,470.00.

Board of Assessors

CHARLES A. MULLIN
FRANK E. HARLOW
ALFRED P. RICHARDSON

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Board of Selectmen
Ayer, Mass.
Gentlemen:

During 1950 we did not have as many grass and brush fires as in past years. Most of the grass fires were caused by people burning in incinerators.

All persons wishing to burn papers and rubbish in the open, "this includes incinerators and trash barrels," must first obtain a permit from the Fire Dept. Any burning without such permit is against the State laws of Massachusetts.

In closing I wish to thank all the different departments of the Town of Ayer for their help during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE L. DONAHUE,
Forest Warden.

Appropriation Tax Levy	$ 500.00	
EXPENDITURES		
American La-France Foamite Corp.	$ 28.49	
E. O. Proctor Co.	13.30	
Franklyn M. Hynes	24.00	
Payroll for men fighting grass and brush fires	159.72	
George L. Donahue	35.00	
Rodney Kidder	10.00	
Lester Fillebrown	10.00	
Harry J. Lovell Co.	176.40	
Fire Protection Co.	3.56	
Wentworth Hdw. Co.	22.00	
		$ 482.47
Appropriation	$ 500.00	
Total Expenditures	482.47	
Unexpended Balance		$ 17.53

REPORT OF THE FIRE ENGINEERS

Board of Selectmen
Ayer, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

During the past year 30 Box Alarms and 83 Still Alarms were answered.

The Ambulance made a total of 154 runs for the past year with a total of 3,428 miles.

Oil burner inspections were made and a total of $ 69.50 was received for Oil Permits and was turned over to the Town Treasurer for which we hold a receipt.

A new addition was built on the rear of the Fire Station, this work being done by some of the men of the department.

We take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, Police Dept., Public Works Dept., Tree Warden, Doctors, Town Nurse, and the Staff of the Community Memorial Hospital and others for the courtesy and help rendered us during the past year.

We also wish to thank Fire Chief Dewey P. Downing and others connected with the Fort Devens Fire Dept. for help rendered us during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Engineers.
GEORGE L. DONAHUE, Chief
JOSEPH E. PEDRAZZI, Clerk
JEREMIAH J. MURRAY.

Appropriation	$ 10,300.00
Refund Check, General Cable Co.	7.00
Refund Check, Maxim Motor Co.	25.00
Total	$ 10,332.00
Deduct Probationers	200.00
	$ 10,132.00

EXPENDITURES

Combination Co. #1 (21 Men)	$ 1,575.00
George L. Donahue	75.00
Jeremiah J. Murray	75.00
Joseph E. Pedrazzi, Clerk	85.00
Rodney Kidder	2,501.60
Lester Fillebrown	2,600.00
Withholding Tax	98.40
Wachusett Electric Co.	198.96
H. B. Allen	1.25
National Fire Protection Association	9.50
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	111.22
Rodney Kidder	25.00
H. H. Proctor Co.	3.95
B. & M. R. R.	1.00
Ayer Ice Co.	383.37
Parker Electrical Service	3.92
H. B. Priest	112.50
E. O. Proctor Co.	263.89
Kidder's Express	1.00
A. V. Boisseau	8.00
Wentworth Hdw. Co.	70.31
Atomlite Co.	30.00
George Langlois	11.44
American La-France Foamite Corp.	82.38
Boylston Fire Equipment Co.	3.90
Paul K. McGuane	7.30
Maxim Motor Co.	195.91
Blanche Wheeler, Florist	10.00
J. J. Barry Co.	8.45
Albert Lavoie	204.50
Est. of F. S. Pierce	18.50
Sunshine Feed Store	4.50
Joseph M. Markham	318.20
Smith & Co's. Express	3.49
Fitchburg Office Supply	36.61
M. D. Stetson	19.20
Ohio Chemical & Surgical Equipment Co.	15.75
W. E. Aubuchon	42.91
P. J. Buckwold	1.50
Burton Pelletier, Fire Alarm	259.50

Norman E. Day	7.23
Symons Paper Co. Inc.	9.38
Albert Chauvin	1.80
Jenney Service Station	18.87
The Gamewell Co.	103.06
Tolles & Moore, Inc.	1.24
Sudbury Laboratory	11.76
G. V. Moore Lumber Co.	7.29
Edward Pillman	5.95
James Draper	11.15
Harry Wood	4.25
Owen Keegan	1.70
John Sanderson	.85
R. R. Express Agency	1.81
Lester Fillebrown	5.00
Harry J. Lovell Co.	450.80
George Hyde	3.36
Wm. Brown, Druggist	.60
Richard Shattuck	2.55
John Conway	.71
Total Expenditures	$ 10,127.27
Appropriation, Tax Levy	$ 10,300.00
Refund Check, General Cable Co.	7.00
Refund Check, Maxim Motor Co.	25.00
Total	$ 10,332.00
Deduct Probationers' Pay	200.00
Total Appropriation	$ 10,132.00
Total Expenditures	10,127.27
Unexpended Balance	$ 4.73

PROBATIONERS

H. B. Allen	$ 11.00
H. T. Allen	14.00
H. Wood	17.00
R. Shattuck	14.00
H. Hederson	16.00
J. Cass	9.00

L. Landry	17.00
J. Conway	19.00
A. Jackson	16.00
C. Briggs	17.00
L. Wadman	9.00
N. Phillips	17.00
W. Roberts	9.00
D. Miller	9.00
P. English	6.00
	$ 200.00

There is still $60.00 due the Probationers from 1950.

RECORD OF FIRES FOR YEAR ENDING 1950

30 Box Alarms 83 Still Alarms

Jan.	7	Box 43. Oil Burner; Ayer Taxi Owners' Association, Depot Sq.
Jan.	9	Still. Overheated Stove, Laurence Burnham, Groton School Rd.
Jan.	12	Still. Smoke Scare, John Virtue, Park St.
Jan.	17	Box 21. Called to assist Fort Devens Dept.
Jan.	17	Box 6. Grass Fire, West Main St.
Jan.	19	Still. Overheated Chimney, Mrs. C. Nichols, Central Ave.
Jan.	19	Still. Smoke Scare, Miller Furniture Co., West Main St.
Jan.	23	Still. Called to let person into house.
Feb.	4	Still. Chimney Fire, E. Laventure, Littleton State Rd.
Feb.	7	Still. Called to get cat out of tree.
Feb.	12	Box 21. Called to assist Fort Devens Fire Dept.
Feb.	12	Still. Called to get dog out of Sandy Pond.
Feb.	20	Box 43. Store, Ayer Package Store, Main St.
March	4	Still. Partition Fire, Mrs. H. Harron, Groton School Rd.
March	5	Box 21. Called to assist Fort Devens Fire Dept.
March	13	Still. Fire beneath floor, Ayer Cold Storage, Old Groton Rd.

March	20	Box 31. Sprinkler, Hartnett Tanning Co., Bligh St.
March	25	Still. Gas Leak, D. Pender, West Main St.
April	1	Still. Grass fire, Fitchburg State Rd.
April	7	Still. Grass Fire, East Main St.
April	7	Still. Brush burning near Town Dump.
April	15	Box 53. Men fell out of boat at Sandy Pond.
April	16	Box 10. Brush Fire, Long Pond Area.
April	16	Still. Oil Burner, R. Johnson, 6 Church St.
April	17	Still. Grass Fire, Nashua St.
April	18	Box 21. Brush Fire, H. Erskine, Groton and Harvard Rd.
April	19	Box 43. Men's Room, B & M. Depot., Depot Sq.
April	22	Still. Oil Burner, Gene's Barber Shop, Pleasant St.
April	22	Still. Automobile, Sgt. A. Johnson, Fort Devens.
April	24	Still. Shed, E. Laventure, Littleton State Rd.
April	29	Still. Rubbish, Mrs. Friedrickson, Sandy Pond Rd.
May	3	Still. Wiring, Sgt. Briggs, West Main St.
May	3	Still. Rubbish, Butler Tourist Home, East Main St.
May	4	Still. Brush, Taft St.
May	5	Still. Sculley Rd. Brush Fire.
May	6	Still. Grease in Stove, A. Kozlov, Cambridge St.
May	6	Box 21. Barn. M. Slarskey, Westford Rd.
May	8	Still. Chair, Mrs. Lawton, East Main St.
May	8	Box 21. Called to assist Groton Fire Dept.
May	9	Still. Oil Burner, W. Katralis, Pond St.
May	13	Still. Needless.
May	15	Still. Brush, Cambridge St.
May	20	Box 5. Needless.
May	21	Still. Town Dump.
May	24	Still. Call to get cat out of tree.
June	8	Box 43. Building, Mallan Mattress Co., Mill Yard.
June	9	Still. Food Burning, F. Davin, West Main St.
June	10	Still. Automobile, Joseph Rancourt, Lowell.
June	10	Still. Automobile, Sgt. Briggs, West Main St.
June	11	Still. Automobile, John Magone, Leominster.
June	11	Box 12. Brush, Opposite Town Farm, Washington St.

June	13	Still. Oil Burner, E. Brogan, Groton and Harvard Rd.
June	14	Still. Brush, West Main St.
June	22	Still. Grass, Central Ave.
June	25	Still. Freight Car, West Main St.
June	27	Box 26. Garage, James Boutwell, East Main St.
June	27	Box 21. Called to assist Shirley Fire Dept.
June	28	Still. Papers burning in sewer, West Main St.
July	8	Still. Brush, Town Park.
July	8	Still. Brush, Mill Yard.
July	11	Box 21. Called to assist Shirley Fire Dept.
July	27	Still. Grass, Pearl St.
July	27	Still. Needless.
July	27	Still. Needless.
July	31	Still. Needless.
Aug.	7	Box 45. False Alarm.
Aug.	9	Still. Brush, Town Park.
Aug.	12	Still. Brush, Long Pond.
Aug.	14	Still. Grass, Holmes St.
Aug.	15	Still. Grass, Fletcher St.
Aug.	15	Still. Brush, Shaker Rd.
Aug.	15	Still. Brush, Westford Rd.
Aug.	19	Still. Dump burning, Littleton State Rd.
Aug.	25	Still. Switch Box, B. & M. R. R.
Aug.	26	Still. Wires, W. Dorsey, Columbia St.
Aug.	26	Box 21. Needless.
Sept.	9	Still. Grease on stove, Park St. Diner.
Sept.	10	Still. Automobile, Raymond Panneton, Forge Village.
Sept.	21	Box 31. Floor, Hartnett Tanning Co., Bligh St.
Sept.	21	Still. Ammonia Leak, Nashoba Cold Storage, Central Ave.
Sept.	21	Still. Call for Ladder Truck to go to Bolton, Women had fallen into Well.
Sept.	27	Still. Oil Burner, E. Hanson, Littleton State Rd.
Sept.	28	Still. Needless.
Oct.	2	Still. Needless.
Oct.	5	Still. Brush Fire, Westford Rd.
Oct.	6	Still. Steam Radiator, Frances Boyle, Fletcher St.
Oct.	7	Still. Town Dump.
Oct.	13	Still. Town Dump.

Oct.	14	Still.	Incinerator, L. Pederson, Williams St.
Oct.	20	Still.	Grass, E. Bushnoe, Harvard Rd.
Oct.	21	Still.	Leaves burning in road, Mechanic St.
Oct.	21	Still.	Town Dump.
Oct.	24	Still.	Boiler, Marion Austin, Groton School Rd.
Nov.	1	Still.	Town Dump.
Nov.	2	Still.	Town Dump.
Nov.	3	Still.	Clothes burning, Mrs. Mason, Washington St.
Nov.	7	Still.	Brush Fire, Central Ave.
Nov.	10	Still.	Tourist Cabin, Coleman's Cabins, Littleton State Rd.
Nov.	15	Still.	Brush, Assisted Littleton Dept., Littleton State Rd.
Nov.	16	Box 21.	Oil Truck, Ralph Thayer, Harvard Rd.
Nov.	17	Still.	Town Dump.
Nov.	19	Box 21.	Room, A. Minskey, West Main St.
Nov.	19	Box 32.	Brush Fire, Town Park.
Nov.	20	Still.	Brush Fire, Sculley Road.
Nov.	27	Still.	Wires Burning, Mechanic St.
Nov.	30	Still.	Tar Barrel, Nashoba Cold Storage, Central Ave.
Dec.	1	Box 5.	Oil Stove, Corp. Lovelace, Union St.
Dec.	5	Box 21.	Trailer Home, George Wright, Fitchburg State Rd.
Dec.	9	Box 26.	Barn, Walter Haines, East Main St.
Dec.	12	Still.	Truck, Dept. of Public Works.
Dec.	16	Still.	Needless.
Dec.	24	Still.	Chair, Mrs. B. Vogelsang, Park St.
Dec.	26	Box 21.	Called to assist Littleton Fire Dept.
Dec.	29	Box 21.	Truck, Littleton State Rd.

ADDITIONAL BUILDING FIRE STATION

Appropriation, Tax Levy.....$ 2,000.00

Expenditures

San-Vel Cont. Co.....	$ 219.25
G. V. Moore Lumber Co.....	588.28

George Langlois	12.10
W. E. Aubuchon Co.	29.92
General Mills, Inc.	7.20
Tolles & Moore	13.19
G. L. Moison Co.	10.80
Wentworth Hdw. Co.	4.98
P. K. McGuane	61.38
Hartnett Tanning Co.	100.00
Robert B. Winslow	562.00
Rodney Kidder	6.02
Demers Plate Glass Co.	244.00
V. J. Gillis	62.00
N. E. Day	73.88
Superior Welding Service	5.00
	$ 2,000.00

NASHOBA ASSOCIATED BOARDS OF HEALTH

January 8, 1951

Board of Health
Ayer
Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

In presenting this 1950 report, the Nashoba Health Unit wishes to express to you, and through you to all those in Ayer who contributed in our efforts an appreciation of the cooperation received in our endeavor to carry out our responsibilities in the field of public health.

The work done in Environmental Sanitation is tabulated as follows:

Milk Samples collected and tested	241
Inspections of pasteurization plants	80
Inspections of dairy farms	46
Inspections of food establishments	83
Inspections of schools	9
Private water supplies inspected and tested	5
Inspections of cesspools	19
Nuisance investigations	34
Conferences with Board of Health members	18
Pond water samples taken	7
Inspections of dwellings	4
School lunch room inspections	3
Milk licenses issued	34
Swimming pools and bath houses inspected	1
Public beaches inspected	1
Jail inspections	1

The increase in the amount of work in milk and food inspections as compared to the corresponding figures for 1949 is noteworthy. In connection with this and with all other types of his work, our Sanitary Officer has met with stimulating cooperation and interest from all concerned.

In the field of communicable diseases, the following quantitative list gives the diseases reported from your community:-

Chicken Pox	2
Poliomyelitis	1
German Measles	5
Measles	14
Mumps	1
Scarlet Fever	3
Tuberculosis	2
Whooping Cough	39
Dog Bite	11

These figures indicate that during the past year there have been no epidemics of unusual size. From among the eleven cases of Dog Bite reported fortunately no Rabies resulted. At the animal inoculation clinic which was held during August, 90 out of the 344 registered dogs received the anti-rabies inoculation.

There were thirty-one visits made by patients referred to the general diagnostic and follow-up Chest Clinics held at the Nashoba Health Center. Five patients attended the physiotherapy clinic which was started here last Spring.

The need for and interest in the Well Child Conferences are indicated by the following figures:-

Number of Conferences	21
Total Attendance	281
Number of Children	93
Inoculations Given	278
Number referred to private physicians	17

I should like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Eleanor Robbins (Mrs. W. S. Ferris) for the enthusiasm with which she has so capably taken over the medical side of this work since midsummer. In connection with the total number of inoculations given, it might be pointed out that this figure does not represent the number of children immunized either initially or through booster shots. These numbers are now being kept and will be available for future reports.

We appreciate the confidence you have placed in Nashoba by giving us the responsibility of furnishing Nursing Service for your community. Miss Rachel May was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Gionet, formerly Miss Emelie Wood, on November 1st. Miss Dorothy Helwig continues as our other nurse for Ayer. We thank you for the cooperation you have shown all of these nurses in their work. The full report of the Nursing Service is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

STANTON GARFIELD, M.D., M.P.H.
Acting Director.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSES

January 13, 1951

Dr. Stanton Garfield, Acting Director
Nashoba Associated Boards of Health
Ayer, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Garfield,

1950 completes the second year of a two-nurse service in Ayer. Despite illness and leave-of-absence periods, continuous service was given the town. During the Summer, a substitute nurse, Mrs. Helen Harron, worked part-time in Ayer and Shirley. Mrs. Emelie Gionet resigned November 1st, and was replaced by Miss Rachel May of Winchendon.

A total of 2719 home visits were made during the year. Of these, 44% were morbidity calls, 3½% to acute communicable disease patients, 41½% health supervision visits, and 11% unclassified calls. Health supervision work included visits to maternity, infant, preschool, school, and adult cases, and also to youngsters receiving care under the Crippled Children's program. The tabulation of home visits follows:-

Non-communicable	1198
Acute communicable	93
Tuberculosis	46
Crippled Children's Service	29
Maternal	202
Health Supervision	860
Unclassified visits	291
Fees collected	$637.50

Well Child Conferences were held twice a month except during the Summer. The nurses were responsible for organizing these clinics, maintaining an appointment system, and accomplishing the follow-up work recommended by the physician in charge.

The school program proceeded according to schedule this year. In addition to conference work done in the homes and schools, the nurses assisted Dr. McLean, the school physician, with the physical examinations in the Fall. Parents were guided in plans for correcting the health problems noted at that time. Also, the nurses performed vision and hearing tests on each pupil. Of the 101 pupils failing the vision test, 66% received medical attention, whereas 55% of pupils indicating impaired hearing have sought care out of a total of 42 test failures. The tabulation of school service follows:-

Assistances in Child Health Exams	671
Nurse-teacher conferences	1066
Nurse-pupil conferences	948
Special tests (eyes, ears)	1307

The Ayer nurses helped conduct the bi-monthly Chest Clinics throughout the year, to which persons from all the Nashoba towns were eligible to attend. Also the nurses assisted with a series of diphtheria immunization clinics in the grade schools as well as with the annual preschool health examinations in May.

During the Spring the Ayer Nursing Committee was organized, composed of interested lay women under the chairmanship of Mrs. Ross Burns. This group provides all the auxiliary services to the nursing program, including clerical duties, transportation, sewing, assistance in clinics, and in community service projects.

Throughout the year the nurses assisted Miss White, the nursing director, with the student program. Several nurses seeking public health experience were assigned to the Ayer office and spent varying periods of time observing in the field.

During the Fall, a 4-5 hour course in Home Nursing was taught a group of Junior girls at the high school. Two periods a week were devoted to the technics of bedside nursing and convalescent care.

Throughout the year the nurses worked closely with Lt. Mary Sarris, the public health nurse at Fort Devens. Army dependents living in Ayer received nursing care comparable to

that received by Fort Devens residents. Lt. Sarris was transferred in December, and replaced by Lt. Veronica Shade.

Many valuable meetings were attended this year, sponsored by various health organizations. These enabled the nurses to gain insight into ways to better their community service. Also monthly staff conferences at the Health Center proved a great help.

DOROTHY HELWIG, R.N.
Community Nurse.

RACHEL C. MAY, R.N.
Community Nurse.

LUCY GORDON WHITE, R.N.,
Director of Nursing.

REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Selectmen:

We are doing spot spraying each year for tent caterpillar. We continue to spray the town trees for Gypsy moth, American bark beetle, European bark beetle, Elm leaf beetle, etc. This is a continuous fight.

We expect to do some aerial spraying this year. This should help to eliminate mosquitoes and flies also. This method has proved very effective in some localities.

Our biggest worry is the Dutch Elm Disease, which is carried by the European bark beetle, American bark beetle, and also the Elm leaf beetle has been suspected.

When I look at the rather unpleasant picture of Dutch Elm disease destruction I feel alarmed. Billerica lost 2 trees, Chelmsford 14, Leominster 1, Lancaster 1, Tynsgsboro 5, and Maynard 1. Middlesex County 30 towns 367 trees lost, and Worcester County 21 towns, 83 trees lost. 6661 elm trees lost since its discovery in Massachusetts.

The town of Weymouth was hit with 373 elm casualties during the first ten months of 1950. Mr. Hebert, tree warden there got $11,000 to fight Dutch Elm disease. Isn't it worth fighting Dutch Elm disease to save those DOLLARS and those TREES?

We have 700 Elm street trees, plus 342 elms overhanging our streets. 1042 elms we could lose near our streets.

I would like to request for Moth Suppression $1697 for Chapter 660. Also $848 for Chapter 761 to fight Dutch Elm disease.

"Tree leaves foretell the Future." Let's keep 'em GREEN.

JAMES S. DRAPER,

Moth Superintendent.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

To the Selectmen:

I planted 34 trees this year at a cost of about $8.82 per tree. This includes the cost of peat moss, loam, stakes, etc. which were used. We have 45 more tentatitive locations. We will file the exact location of those planted with the Town Clerk, but by streets they are as follows: East Main Street 2, Pine 2, Fletcher 2, Maple 2, Central Ave. 2, Columbia 3, Coolidge Rd. 2, Pleasant 1, Pearl 2, Washington 1, Harvard Rd. 3, Mill 1, Shirley 3, West Main 4, Wachusett Ave. 1 and Forest 1.

We cut brush this year on Highland Ave., Winthrop Ave., Groton-Shirley Road, Snake Hill Road, and Groton-Harvard Road. We have pneumatic cutters for cutting brush which should help on saving time and effort. I hope to control brush cutting by the use of chemicals soon.

I have found that a lot of tree removals are done by brute strength, a lot of luck and more ignorance. However, it has been found that on the highway and around property that will never do. That is why I try to keep the same help all year round. It takes three years steady work to train a man for tree work, therefore we must pay more than laborer's pay. An arborist must have common sense, a thorough knowledge of trees, how to trim, brace, cable, cavity work, spray, plant, fertilize, remove, plus being an expert climber and able to handle ropes.

How often I have heard people say, "I would give anything to have saved that tree." The truth is that they wouldn't give you five cents to trim or fertilize it while it was still standing. Don't shed tears, shed a few dollars that will help more. Our trees don't need your tears, they need your help in cash that will pay for labor and preventive measures to keep them healthy. The Dutch Elm disease spreads in dead and dying elm wood, in the tree or on the ground, and in the stump too.

"Without trees, we lose a certain quality of nobleness and majesty that marks our country." Your house and streets would be naked without trees.

We have over 3000 public shade trees. Is it any wonder that the mortality is increasing? I don't mean to be critical of any utility company or other department when I say that everything is against our trees. Hard surfaced roads, roots cut for water mains, sewers, gas mains, sidewalks, roads, limbs cut for light wires, telephone lines, auto accidents, etc. Also, in the last ten years we have had something like 30 inches less rainfall.

"Remember, too, that a tree never dies. It is either killed or murdered."

JAMES S. DRAPER,

Tree Warden.

REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

Selectmen of Ayer,

Dear Sirs,

We have been asked to make an estimate of how much money was needed to operate the Recreation Playground at Sandy Pond for the year 1951. Not having anything to do with the Playground in 1950 we do not know how much is left for equipment, but we do know that the lifeboat has been damaged, the blocks are not all there, the rafts have broken loose and have floated off, their decks are partly under the ice. What condition they might be in next spring is anybody's guess.

We will need signs restricting the use of the Playground to the Town of Ayer. We have had a number of complaints about outsiders taking over. We feel that this is a Playground for Ayer. Let's keep it that way.

We feel that people using this beach should have protection when there is a crowd. It is our plan to have some responsible person look after the grounds and bathouses, keep them picked up and clean. The presence of such a person would help to keep order and discourage "horseplay" which often leads to some innocent bystander getting hurt.

We have felt that with the prospect of the Department of Conservation killing weeds in the pond that the beach might not be as popular as in 1949; however you can be sure that our Nashoba Board of Health will not allow swimming if it is unsafe.

There are many jobs to be looked after that don't meet the eye unless left undone, painting blocks and keeping them in place, life boat painted, repaired and equipped, bottom of pond in swimming area cleaned, rafts painted and properly anchored, barrels replaced, spraying the grounds and bathhouses for flies and mosquitoes, carrying off rubbish, raking beach and cleaning bathhouses.

We have besides swimming and bathing, picnic facilities—sand boxes and slides. We hope to have more.

To answer some inquiries about night swimming which required flood lights in 1949; the lights were owned, operated and installed by James S. Draper who donated his time, and equipment.

The new football field was turned over to the Park Commissioners and a number of games have been played on the field.

Yours truly,

JAMES S. DRAPER,
PAUL P. DURETTE,
WILLIAM W. BRIGGS, JR.,

Park Commissioners.

REPORT OF WAR MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Ayer:

From the outset the committee felt that a war memorial should be a tangible, practical object of remembrance—one that would be preserved by use as well as patriotism.

The decision was unanimous in that we had such at hand, namely the Town Park. Here many of our veterans spent hours of companionship and recreation. Many received their education on its borders.

We therefore recommend that the Town Park be dedicated under the title of "Memorial Park" as a memorial to the veterans of World War II. We further recommend that a granite monument with a bronze tablet thereon inscribed thus "Memorial Park. Dedicated to those who served in World War II. Town of Ayer, 1951," or some other suitable wording, be erected within its bounds.

We have consulted with several reputable concerns and have arrived at an estimate of $1,500.00.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIET EVERETT ALLEN,
JAMES S. HARVEY,
EDMUND L. HYDE,
ARNOLD W. SHATTUCK,
E. STUART WELLS,
Committee.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
March 5, 1950

WARRANT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Middlesex, ss.

To Any Constable of the Town of Ayer,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ayer qualified to vote in town elections and affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Ayer on Monday, the fifth day of March, A.D., 1951, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article. To vote on one ballot for the following town officers: Moderator, Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years, one member of the Board of Public Works for three years, one Assessor for three years, Treasurer, Tax Collector, four Constables, one Auditor for three years, Tree Warden, one Park Commissioner for three years, one member of the School Committee for three years, one Trustee of the Ayer Library for three years, one Commissioner of Trust Funds for three years, one member of the Board of Health for three years.

The polls will be opened at 8:05 a. m. and will be closed at 7 p. m. And you are further directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Ayer qualified to vote in town elections and affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Ayer, on Tuesday, the sixth day of March at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear and act on the reports of the several town officers and committees that may be ready to report and take any action thereon.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1951, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Article 4. To raise and appropriate money for (1) Welfare (Outdoor Relief); (2) Welfare (Indoor Relief); (3) Aid to Dependent Children; (4) Old Age Assistance; (5) Town Administration; (6) Band Concerts; (7) Board of Assessors; (8) Board of Health; (9) Board of Selectmen; (10) Community Memorial Hospital; (11) Department of Public Works; a. Administration; b. Water Division; c. Highway Division; d. Sewer Division; e. Snow Removal; f. Sidewalks; g. Chapter 90 Maintenance; h. Road Machinery Account; (12) Fire Department; (13) Forest Warden; (14) Insurance; (15) Interest; (16) Joseph M. Connors Post #139 American Legion; (17) Library; (18) Memorial Day; (19) Miscellaneous; (20) Moderator; (21) Moth Suppression; (22) Notes and Bonds; (23) Parking Meters; (24) Police Department; (25) Premium on Bonds; (26) Recreation Playground; (27) Registrars of Voters; (28) Schools; (29) Sealer of Weights and Measures; (30) Soldiers' Graves; (31) Street Lighting; (32) Tax Collector; (33) Town Clerk; (34) Town Parks; (35) Treasurer; (36) Tree Warden; (37) Veterans' Benefits; (38) Vocational Training and all other necessary Town charges and incidental expenses for the ensuing year or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate its share toward the Middlesex County Sanatorium, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to implement the Town Treasurer who, under the provisions of Section 50 of Chapter 60 of the General

Laws, shall institute proceedings for foreclosure of tax titles as soon as such proceedings are authorized by Sections 62 and 65 of Chapter 60, or take any action thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for care of patients at Middlesex County Sanatorium, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors, with the approval of the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, to use unappropriated funds in the treasury for the reduction of taxes during the current year, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $1,876.00 to be paid to the treasurer of the Middlesex County Retirement System in accordance with provision of the General Laws, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for street name signs, take any action thereon or in relation thereto (estimated cost $20.00 each in place).

Article 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $2,750.00 to purchase one new 2-ton dump truck for the Highway Division of the Public Works Department and said department be authorized to turn in the 1946 Ford truck as part payment therefor, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and borrow a sum of money to increase the water supply by developing additional well fields including the construction of a gravel packed well and original pumping station with equipment or take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote that water revenue received in excess of expenditures for water maintenance and operation including water debt and interest be reserved to be appropriated and expended for water purposes and no other. If at any time the available water surplus exceeds an amount which, in the opinion of the Board of Public Works is necessary for water extensions or improvements, the

water rates shall be reduced proportionately. (This arrangement shall take effect as of January 1, 1951.) take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 for Civil Defense, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $550.00 for a truck for the Town Infirmary, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $150.00 for repairs at the Town Infirmary, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to continue to put the Town Park into proper condition for baseball, softball, football, and maintain the same, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the General Court to redraw the boundary lines of the Town of Harvard and of the Town of Ayer so as to transfer from the Town of Harvard to the Town of Ayer a certain tract of land consisting of one and one-half acres, more or less, at Mitchelville, so-called, the land to be so transferred being bounded on the north and west by the Town of Shirley, on the east by the Town of Ayer, and on the south by land of the United States known as Fort Devens, and being premises shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk entitled "Plan of Harvard, Shirley, Ayer Road," or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will accept a deed of land from Vernon Wood and his wife of land on Groton School Road, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to revoke and abolish all existing By-laws of the Town and substitute therefor the By-laws as revised and set forth in report of committee appointed at the last annual meeting and whose report was accepted at the special Town Meeting held June 15, 1950, as and for the By-laws of the Town, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to investigate the condition of the public shade trees and report at a future town meeting recommendations as to their preservation, removal and replacement and the planting of additional trees, with estimates of the cost of such work, or take any action thereon.

Article 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for unpaid bills of the Fire Department, the Town Infirmary and Town Infirmary repairs, take any action thereon or in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in three or more public places in said Ayer, one of which shall be the Town Hall, seven days at least before the date appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of your doings thereon to the Town Clerk before the date of said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventh day of February, A.D., 1951.

JOSEPH M. MARKHAM,
GEORGE V. MOORE,
FRANK C. HARMON,
Board of Selectmen of Ayer.

REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

For the Year Ending December 31, 1950

The Advisory Committee submits herewith its report for the year ending December 31, 1950, following meetings with the Board of Selectmen and the various municipal departments pursuant to Section 2 of Article IX of the Town By-Laws.

The 1951 budget shows an increase of approximately $50,000.00 over the previous year. The increase is due mainly to cost of living and pay equalization adjustments in several departments, including the school system, as well as the installation of a new gravel-packed well.

The higher cost of running our town government should be a matter of concern to all of our citizens and taxpayers. We particularly urge their continued scrutiny of town expenses in all municipal departments. It is the belief of the Advisory Committee that greater citizen interest in the town budget could result in even greater efficiency and lower operating costs in all of our departments.

We recommend strongly that annual reports of the year's operating figures from all departments be presented in such a form that accurate check may be made with the budget figures submitted for that year. We believe that all expenditures may be classified in this way, and a true comparison made between first estimates and actual expenditures. Failure to comply with this recommendation would, in the opinion of the Advisory Committee, not be consistent with an efficiently operated department.

It is recommended also that a complete inventory of town-owned equipment and supplies in the various departments be filed annually at the office of the town clerk.

The Advisory Committee wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen and the representatives of the various town departments for their cooperation.

Department	*Appr.* 1949	*Appr.* 1950	*Advisory Bd. Approval* 1951	*Increase*	*Decrease*
Welfare O.R.....$	3,000.00	$3,000.00	$3,000.00		
Welfare I.R.....	3,800.00	3,900.00	4,352.00	$452.00	

Department	Appr. 1949	Appr. 1950	Advisory Bd. Approval 1951	Increase	Decrease
A.D.C.	3,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00		
A.D.C. Adm.	400.00	300.00	300.00		
O.A.A.	38,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00		
O.A.A. Adm.	950.00	1,310.00	900.00		$410.00
Assessors	1,600.00	1,700.00	2,000.00	300.00	
Board of Health	3,150.00	*3,600.00	4,000.00	400.00	
Board of Selectmen	2,500.00	2,595.00	2,907.00	312.00	
Band Concerts	800.00	800.00	800.00		
Care of Patients	500.00	*500.00	1,241.00	714.00	
Chapt. 90—Maint.	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,666.67	166.67	
Chapt. 90—New Construction	2,500.00	2,500.00	–0–		2,500.00
Civil Defense	———	———	300.00		
Comm. Memorial Hospital	500.00	500.00	500.00		
Fire Dept.	11,316.00	10,300.00	12,883.00	2,583.00	
Forest Fires	500.00	500.00	500.00		
Insurance	1,670.00	1,670.00	2,300.00	630.00	
Interest	5,000.00	6,250.00	6,000.00		250.00
Post #139 A.L.	300.00	300.00	300.00		
Library	2,350.00	2,500.00	3,200.00	700.00	
Memorial Day	150.00	150.00	300.00	150.00	
Mdx. County Sanat.	3,295.69	1,942.31	3,423.15	1,480.84	
Misc. Account	7,500.00	*6,500.00	7,500.00		
Moderator	50.00	50.00	50.00		
Moth Suppression	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Nashoba Board of Health	1,586.80	1,586.80	2,169.01	582.21	
Notes and Bonds	23,500.00	23,000.00	21,000.00		2,000.00
Police Dept.	15,500.00	15,000.00	18,085.00	3,085.00	
Police Dept.—Radio Op.		857.00	1,388.00	531.00	
Police Dept.—Meter Maint.		*1,600.00	2,500.00	900.00	
Mdx. Co. Retirement System		2,615.00	1,876.00		739.00
Prem. on Bonds	250.00	300.00	350.00	50.00	
Park Commistion	1,000.00	–0–	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Public Works Dept.		*52,555.00	56,266.67	3,711.67	
Public Works Dept.—Highway Dump Truck			2,750.00		
Public Works Dept.—New Well			22,000.00		
Public Works Dept.—Street Signs			500.00	500.00	
Registrars of Voters.	850.00	850.00	850.00		

Department	Appr. 1949	Appr. 1950	Advisory Bd. Approval 1951	Increase	Decrease
Schools	124,845.00	136,735.00	155,455.00	18,720.00	
Sealer of Wts. and Measures	300.00	300.00	300.00		
Soldiers' Graves	250.00	250.00	250.00		
Street Lighting	9,000.00	9,180.00	9,400.00	220.00	
Tax Collector	1,925.00	*2,525.00	2,809.00	284.00	
Printing and Binding (By-Laws)	300.00	500.00	50.00		450.00
Town Clerk	1,265.00	1,965.00	2,249.00	284.00	
Truck for Town Infirmary			550.00		
Town Park—New Const.	5,500.00	6,000.00	2,500.00		3,500.00
Town Treasurer	1,365.00	1,465.00	1,465.00		
Town Hall Repairs	1,500.00	5,000.00	700.00		4,300.00
Town Inf. Repairs		1,200.00	150.00		1,050.00
Tree Warden	1,400.00	1,000.00	1,365.00	365.00	
Tree Warden—New Trees	–0–	300.00	300.00		
Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00	*2,500.00	3,500.00		
Vocational Train.	2,500.00	2,000.00			
Unpaid Bills 1950:					
Town Infirmary (Repairs)			$ 548.53		
Town Infirmary (Gen. Operations)			120.00		
Fire Dept.			275.75		
Total			$417,117.78		

* Additional appropriations granted at special Town Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE LEE BIXBY, Chairman
W. STANLEY LIVINGSTON
JAMES S. HARVEY
ARNOLD W. SHATTUCK
EDWIN B. COLTIN
Advisory Committee.

First ANNUAL REPORT

of

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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TABLE OF ORGANIZATION

COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC WORKS

Rodney D. Kidder, Chairman
William J. N. Cornellier
Paul F. Gardner

Superintendent of Public Works
John L. Bean

WATER DIVISION

Supervisor—Burton E. Goodrich

HIGHWAY DIVISION

Supervisor—John P. Watson
Assistant Supervisor—John Savin
Truck Driver—Herbert Levan
Truck Driver—Philip Donahue
Truck Driver—Michael Hickey
Laborer—Ronald Colburn

SEWER DIVISION

Supervisor—Burton E. Goodrich

REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS
of
PUBLIC WORKS

Due to the fine cooperation of the townspeople in voting to purchase the Pillsbury property on Park Street we have been able to organize the new Public Works Department into a unit that serves the public effectively and efficiently.

There has been a great need for a new well—an auxiliary supply—during the past three or four years. Because of the outlook of economic conditions at the present time we feel this is the time money should be voted to put this project through. This new well will provide a separate supply from which water can be taken whenever the need presents itself.

This year the voters will have a chance to put the Water Division back on a self-supporting basis. As the Water Department has operated in the past few years the receipts have been turned in to the general treasury and the operating expenses have been voted the same as all other departments. However, there has been a difference or a profit each year of from five to seven thousand dollars which has not gone to improve our water system but to reduce taxes. If the article is passed, then a water surplus fund will be established and money can be voted from this fund for water main extensions and other improvements in the Water Division from funds of the Water Division and not tax money as in the past. It is really a pay-as-you-go program. If this surplus becomes too great then the water rates could be reduced accordingly.

A new truck is greatly needed in the Highway Division. The Ford Truck that was purchased in 1946 should be turned in on a new one. Because of its age and the hard use it has received this truck has become quite expensive to operate.

Because of the many good comments we have received concerning the new street signs we have included a separate article for an appropriation of $500.00 for street signs. This will purchase and install approximately 25 new signs.

In the past the Chapter 90 roads have been kept up, to a certain extent, at the expense of our own town streets. This coming year the Chapter 90 new Construction program has been dropped from the budget and the Town's share of this money has been included in the Highway budget. It is hoped that considerable improvement can be made on our local streets by doing this.

This past year the agreement between the Town and the Hartnett Tanning Co. concerning the pollution of Grove Pond was signed. The pipe for the force main is now at 54 Park Street. The plans and specifications for laying this main are ready and work will be started early in the spring.

At this time we wish to express our sincere thanks to the Post Engineers at Fort Devens for providing us with water during the time our pump was being replaced. Their co-operation on this matter and others throughout the year has been greatly appreciated.

The good cooperation shown by other departments and individuals in the Town has been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

RODNEY D. KIDDER, Chairman
WILLIAM J. N. CORNELLIER
PAUL F. GARDNER
Commissioners of Public Works.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

The newly formed Department of Public Works has made a great deal of progress in organizing this past year. The purchase of the Pillsbury property at 54 Park Street has proved to be an excellent investment in that practically all of the equipment and supplies are kept in this one area.

All employees of the department report here daily and are assigned to the different jobs as the need presents itself.

A program of maintenance for all the equipment has been put in operation which has already decreased the cost of operating the equipment. A gasoline pump was installed in the Park Street area and gasoline for the entire department is purchased at a greatly reduced price, tax free.

One central office with telephone serves all three divisions —Water, Highway and Sewer. For the most part the requests coming into the office have been taken care of promptly. Some problems such as drainage have been far too expensive to handle under the budget of 1950 and have been left to the coming year.

The greatest advantage realized from the consolidation of the three divisions is the effective use of men and equipment. All three divisions have equal access to the men and equipment. Emergencies in any division are handled easily because of the availability of men and equipment.

WATER DIVISION
PUMPING RECORD

Month	*Gallons Pumped*
January	12,578,600
February	12,689,000
March	18,434,900
April	16,509,800
May	15,225,000
June	17,061,700
July	18,899,400
August	19,165,900
September	16,161,900
October	17,561,100
November	18,903,400
December	17,120,400
Total (1950)	200,311,100
Total (1959	138,727,800
Increase	60,583,300

NEW SERVICES

28 New Services were connected this year.

OLD SERVICES

30 Old services were renewed from the main in the street to the cellar.

HYDRANTS

One new hydrant was set on Wright Road, one on Barnum Road and one on Bishop Road.

The hydrant at the corner of West Main and Park Street was relocated at the request of the E. O. Proctor Co.

All hydrants were blown out, tested and repaired once during the year.

MAINS

The eight inch main on Taft Street was extended forty-eight feet. The eight inch main on Pleasant Street was extended 224 feet and an eight inch main was laid along Wright Road for a distance of 495 feet.

METERS

2 New meters were set.

28 Old meters were repaired and reset.

STANDPIPES

The small standpipe was cleaned inside, scraped and painted with two coats of red lead. Both tanks are now in good condition and will not have to be painted again until 1954 and 1955.

PUMPING EQUIPMENT

The oil-lubricated deep well turbine pump in the gravel packed well was replaced with a new water lubricated pump. This new pump has cut the average daily pumping time down considerably.

Plans and specifications are now being prepared for an additional well to be constructed in 1951. This new well would give the Town a good supply to draw from as well as provide another system to fall back on in case something went wrong with our present equipment.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

The following work has been completed by the Highway Division:

Drainage:

1. All catch basins were checked and cleaned once.

2. New catch basins were built in the following locations:
   a. Snake Hill Road—near Ramsden's home.
   b. High—corner of Norwood Avenue.
   c. Grove Street—near Joy's home.
   d. Mill Street—near Moore Lumber Co.
   e. Highland Avenue—corner of Lincoln Street.
   f. Central Avenue—two near Little's home.

II Surface treatment of Streets:

1. The following streets were surface treated with Calcium Chloride.

   a. Groton and Shirley Road.
   b. Snake Hill Road.
   c. Old part of Sandy Pond Road.
   d. Birch Street.
   e. McDowell Street.
   f. Groton and Harvard Road.
   g. Brook Street.
   h. Bligh Street.
   i. Upper end of Highland Avenue.
   j. Shaker Road.
   k. Calvin Street.

2. The following streets were treated with Peastone and Asphalt:

   a. Groton School Road. (Park Street to Ross home).
   b. West Main Street. (From Main Gate at Ft. Devens to Town Line).
   c. Central Avenue. (Columbia Street to Sandy Pond Road).
   d. Sandy Pond Road. (Central Avenue to Winslow's block plant).
   e. Groton and Harvard Road. (Central Avenue to East Main Street).

f. Columbia Street. (Main Street to Newton Street).
g. Groton Street. (Park Street to Pleasant Street).
h. East Main Street. (Pond Street to Maple Street).

3. The following streets were treated with Sand and Asphalt:

a. Washington Street. (Nashua Street to Point Below Town Infirmary).
b. Brook Street.
c. Groton and Shirley Road. (Groton School Road to Point by Gilman's Home).
d. Calvin Street.
e. Wright Road. (Snake Hill Road East a distance of 500′).
f. McDowell Street.
g. Upper end of Highland Avenue.
h. Hospital Parking Area.

4. The following streets were resurfaced with Bituminous Concrete:

a. Park Street. (West Main Street to State Highway Line near Kleenit, Inc.).
b. West Main Street. (Mechanic Street to Union Street).

III. Sidewalks.

a. 441′ (linear) of new concrete sidewalk was constructed. 50% of the cost being carried by the abutter.
b. 433′ (linear) of old sidewalk was rebuilt with concrete.
c. 947′ (linear) of old sidewalk was resurfaced with bituminous concrete (Black Top).

IV. Highway Equipment.

Much of the equipment in the Highway Division, because of its age, needs considerable work done to it. The Caterpillar Tractor is now being overhauled in Boston by the Perkins-Eaton Machinery Co. The new bulldozer blade built for it this past year has made this piece of equipment much more useful to the Town. It has been used in grading work as well as backfilling water and sewer trenches. It has been more than valuable in keeping the dump on Groton and Harvard Road in shape.

The roller needs attention before the summer work can be started. It is expected that this can be put in shape by our own men during the coming winter months.

The Road Scraper is in fair condition and will do about all that can be expected from it. The Town of Ayer does not have the miles of road to care for that some of its neighbors do so I rather doubt that a large grader would ever pay for itself, however, I do believe that a small motor grader would prove to be a good investment sometime in the future.

Money has been included in the budget to cover the cost of one new truck—a two ton dump. The Ford truck will be turned in on this new truck. If one new truck could be purchased each year the maintenance costs would be greatly reduced over a period of years.

The concrete mixer needs considerable work done on it. Plans are now to put this machine in good repair during the winter months.

The sand loader has already been worked over and now is in fair condition. This machine is old but will still do a lot of good work.

SEWER DIVISION

63 new connections were added to the system this past year making a total of 528.

Three particular sewers were cleaned of tree roots.

TREATMENT PLANT

119,492,200 gallons of sewage were treated during the year.

The sludge from the Imhoff tank was drawn off twice during the year and hauled to the Town Infirmary.

In closing this report I wish to thank the Public Works Commissioners and the men of the department who have done so much to make this past year a successful and pleasant one.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. BEAN,
Supt. of Public Works.

REPORT OF REGISTRAR

WATER DIVISION

May 1948 Commitment

Outstanding January 1, 1950		$ 124.74
Collected and paid to Treasurer	$ 121.34	
Abated	3.40	
		$ 124.74

November 1948

Outstanding January 1, 1950		$ 88.17
Collected and paid to Treasurer		$ 88.17

May 1949

Outstanding January 1, 1950		$ 799.84
Collected and paid to Treasurer	$ 783.34	
Abated	11.00	
Cash on hand	5.50	
		$ 799.84

November 1949

Outstanding January 1, 1950		$ 1,538.80
Collected and paid to Treasurer	$ 1,455.90	
Abated	28.67	
Cash on hand	54.23	
		$ 1,538.80

May 1950

Rates	$ 9,257.27	
Tannery and Devencrest (entire year)	9,599.31	
Interest on water main extensions	212.27	
Miscellaneous	2,280.21	
		$ 21,349.06

Collected and paid to Treasurer:

Rates	$ 7,861.89
Tannery and Devencrest	9,599.31
Miscellaneous	1,886.64
Interest on water main extensions	212.27
Discount	717.00

Abated	27.10	
Outstanding December 31, 1950	1,044.85	
		$ 21,349.06

November 1950

Commitment		$ 9,836.27
Collected and paid to Treasurer:		
Rates	$ 7,459.73	
Discount	798.50	
Outstanding December 31, 1950	1,578.04	
		$ 9,836.27

SEWERAGE DEPARTMENT

May 1949 Commitment

Outstanding January 1, 1950		$ 62.03
Collected and paid to Treasurer		$ 62.03

November 1949

Outstanding January 1, 1950		$ 233.36
Collected and paid to Treasurer		$ 233.36

May 1950

Commitment	$ 2,318.90	
Devencrest entire year	3,240.12	
		$ 5,559.02
Collected and paid to Treasurer:		
Rates	$ 1,993.38	
Rates	51.52	
Devencrest	3,240.12	
Discount	188.01	
Outstanding December 31, 1950	85.99	
		$ 5,559.02

November 1950

Commitment		$ 2,793.69
Collected and paid to Treasurer:		
Rates	$ 2,218.59	
Discount	240.90	
Outstanding December 31, 1950	334.20	
		$ 2,793.69

BERNARD J. McGUANE,
Registrar.

WATER DEPARTMENT

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	$ 22,595.00

EXPENDITURES

Payroll	$ 6,691.03
Withholding Tax	502.10
Retirement Fund	417.84
N. E. Telephone Co.	91.35
Wachusett Electric Co.	4,274.37
Boston Con. Gas Co.	266.49
George Hyde	25.61
Hersey Mfg. Co.	414.60
Moore Lumber Co.	144.25
Aetna Engineering Co.	1,444.98
Clinton Transportation Co.	2.16
O'Clair Repair Shop	16.00
Ayer Motor Express	2.16
Maynard & Acton Oil Co.	249.28
E. O. Proctor Co.	40.83
Wentworth Hardware Co.	104.36
D. L. Maher Co.	787.00
Sunshine Stores Inc.	14.43
George Langlois	8.50
Socony Vacuum Oil Co.	91.49
Whitmore Printing Co.	86.25
Universal Steam Gauge Co.	13.68
B. L. Makepeace Inc.	136.15
Ayer Motor Sales Inc.	18.95
Johnson-Barker-Webb Corp.	112.86
R. W. Thayer Co.	.51
Holmes Transportation Service	12.18
San-Vel Contracting Co.	10.98
George A. Caldwell Co.	450.09
H. R. Prescott & Son	2,199.81
Groton Cemetery Prop.	18.00
Norman Stone	40.00
George Hyde	3.70
Tolles-Moore Co.	108.10
W. E. Aubuchon Co.	2.50
Builders-Providence, Inc.	27.78
W. S. Darley & Co.	38.19

Neptune Meter Co.	1,359.35	
Harry F. Graves	33.33	
James R. Pender, Postmaster	65.14	
George H. Fenner, Insurance	131.90	
John R. Lynch Co.	15.90	
Law & Ingram Trans. Co.	3.94	
N. E. Water Works Association	6.00	
Walworth Company	279.77	
The Garlock Packing Co.	129.82	
Railway Express Co.	5.15	
C. D. Carrow	5.45	
Ward's Stationers	5.25	
Farnsworth Bros.	34.73	
Utilities Supply Corp.	9.50	
Chandler Machine Co.	22.80	
Hedge & Mattheis Co.	112.10	
Superior Welding Co.	92.60	
Jenney Service Station	5.80	
A. B. & C. Transportation Co.	1.60	
Hauck Mfg. Co.	7.01	
Brown Sign Co.	16.00	
Ludlow Valve Co.	35.00	
Reliance Motor Trans. Co.	1.20	
Radio T.V. Lab.	.95	
J. F. McDermott Co.	8.86	
Boston & Maine R. R.	1.56	
Bernard J. McGuane	500.00	
J. H. Tredennick, Inc.	650.00	
Clarence Pray	30.00	
P. J. Buckwold	9.00	
Public Works Supply Co.	36.75	
Brown's Drug Store	.89	
P. K. Lindsay Co.	41.11	
Clara E. Richardson	10.00	
Ayer Ice Company	32.20	
Total Expenditures		$ 22,589.22
Unexpended Balance		5.78

PLEASANT STREET EXTENSION

Appropriation		$ 1,200.00
Warren Pipe Company	$ 641.44	
Payroll	133.70	

Withholding Tax	16.10	
Retirement Fund	5.40	
George H. Pierce & Son	106.00	
H. R. Prescott & Sons	296.85	
Total Expenditures		$ 1,199.49
Unexpended Balance		.51

WRIGHT ROAD EXTENSION

Appropriation		$ 3,000.00
Payroll	$ 641.83	
Withholding Tax	15.20	
Retirement Fund	7.25	
Atlas Mineral Products	50.05	
H. R. Prescott & Sons	320.75	
Moore Lumber Co.	.40	
Eddy Valve Co.	164.50	
San-Vel Contracting Co.	21.60	
P. K. Lindsay Co.	294.00	
Robert G. Campbell	7.00	
U. S. Pipe & Foundry Co.	1,028.16	
Trimount Bituminous Products Co.	248.79	
Explosive Supply Co., Inc.	7.50	
George H. Pierce & Sons, Inc.	192.00	
Total Expenditures		$ 2,999.03
Unexpended Balance		.97

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES OF AYER LIBRARY

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1950

PERMANENT TRUSTEES

William Brown
Martha K. Hardy
Alfred P. Richardson
Viola P. Downing
Frank J. Provinzano
Esther A. Stone

TRUSTEES ELECTED BY THE TOWN

Bernard J. McGuane, term expires 1951
Frank R. Mason, term expires 1952
Herbert H. Proctor, term expires 1953

ORGANIZATION

Alfred P. Richardson, President
William Brown, Vice-President
Esther A. Stone, Treasurer
Frank R. Mason, Secretary

Esther C. Gilman, Librarian
Constance Gilman, Assistant Librarian
Anne Phillips, Assistant Librarian

FINANCIAL REPORT OF AYER LIBRARY, 1950

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1950	$ 322.36	
Interest Hartwell Fund	10.00	
Interest Ayer Library Fund	11.22	
Appropriation	2,500.00	
Reimbursement for books	43.28	
Book refund	4.75	
Gift for book	5.00	
Ayer Woman's Club for Children's Book Week	5.00	
Fines	85.00	
Total receipts		$ 2,986.61

EXPENDITURS

Esther C. Gilman, librarian	$ 1,050.00
Constance Gilman, Asst. Librarian	247.95
Anne Phillips, Asst. Librarian	102.05
Samuel Blodgett, Janitor	107.50
Frank Mason, Janitor	150.00
Albert J. Lavoie, Trucking	2.00
Dura Binding Co., Binding	14.03
New England News, Books	36.46
Chinese Service Bureau, Books	7.90
Doubleday & Co., Books	41.19
Wilcox & Follett Co., Books	4.25
Wachusett Electric Co., Electricity	64.54
H. R. Hunting, Books	38.03
Personal Book Shop, Books	192.31
Farnsworth Bros., Fuel Oil	212.62
Springbrook Ice Co., Fuel Oil	56.25
James R. Pender, P. O. Drawer	4.50
Demco Library Co., Books	5.60
World Puzzle Co., Book	1.60
H. Goldberger, Magazines	116.85
Library Service, Covers	2.48
A. P. Richardson, Acct. Book	4.65
P. J. Buckwold, Labor	1.50

Check Book	3.37	
Wentworth Hardware, Handle	.89	
Americana Corp., Book	5.00	
Grolier Co., Book	4.95	
Funk & Wagnalls, Book	6.15	
E. A. Stone, Envelopes	3.00	
H. W. Wilson, Books	12.00	
Boiler Inspection	5.00	
Book of the Month, Books	11.43	
Robert F. McDonald, Book	2.00	
Lauriat & Co., Book	1.25	
Motor Book, Manual	6.25	
Popular Mechanics, Magazine	3.20	
Lo-well Pencil Co., Pencils	4.14	
National Geographic, Magazine	5.00	
G. & C. Merriam Co., Book	4.69	
Whitmore Printing Co., Cards	9.85	
Check Charge	5.30	
Total Expenditures		$ 2,557.73
Balance Jan. 1, 1951		428.88
		$ 2,986.61

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER A. STONE, Treasurer.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN FOR 1950

CIRCULATION

Number of days library was open	151
Number of volumes circulated	10032
Average daily circulation	66
Largest monthly circulation, March	1006
Smallest monthly circulation, September	667
Largest daily circulation, February 11	129
Smallest daily circulation, November 1	20
Number of new cards issued	200

CIRCULATION STATISTICS

Fiction	7108
General Works	810

Philosophy	55
Religion	60
Social Sciences	147
Philology	27
Natural Sciences	139
Useful Arts	212
Fine Arts	187
Literature	238
History	326
Biography	509
Travel	214
Total	10,032

ACCESSIONS

Number of books purchased	131
Number of books given to library	50
Number of periodicals purchased	34
Number of periodicals given to library	15

FINANCES

Received from fines	$ 116.80	
Received from 3 lost books	6.38	
		$ 123.18
Paid for postage	$ 4.67	
Paid for supplies	6.51	
Dues for Massachusetts Library Association	1.00	
Book List	5.00	
Refund for book found	1.00	
Box Rent	1.50	
Paid Treasurer	85.00	
Balance	18.50	
		$ 123.18

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER C. GILMAN,
Librarian.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FOR THE

TOWN OF AYER

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1950

ORGANIZATION

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Paul K. McGuane, Chairman	Term Expires 1951
Warren A. Winslow, Clerk	Term Expires 1952
Donald R. Griffin	Term Expires 1953

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Harold G. Norton Residence 88 Pleasant Street, Ayer
Tel. 2156

Office, High School Building, Ayer Tel. 468

SECRETARY

Alice Clancy

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dr. Joseph A. McLean, 24 Washington Street, Ayer Tel. 8511

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Ernest L. Downing, Ayer Tel. 2121

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of Ayer:

The School Committee presents herewith the eightieth report of the School Department.

At the first meeting following the annual town meeting the School Committee elected the following officers: Paul K. McGuane, Chairman, and Warren A. Winslow, Clerk.

The Committee wishes to call to your attention that part of the Superintendent's report which has to do with the various projects undertaken and completed during the past year. Our Manual Training Department has come in for a lot of improvement. The new equipment already added is a fine start. We hope to get the Manual Training room painted in the near future. A few additional pieces of equipment are still needed and will be added as soon as possible. Repainting the walls and ceilings of the rooms in the High School is now complete. We plan to do the same in the Junior High rooms at an early date. Adding a new modern bubbler fountain to the High School corridor has filled a long-felt need. The addition of two emergency lights to the exits from the gym and replacing exit lights was done at the direction of the Department of Public Safety.

The matter of teachers' salaries has received a great deal of study by the Committee. It has become quite evident that we could not maintain our present level. A salary schedule has been worked out which we believe to be much better than our present system of paying salaries. The Committee has had in mind the effect of this schedule on the budget and the tax-paying citizens of Ayer. We also have studied carefully the reimbursements coming to the town due to schools. It is our firm conviction that this increase in the budget due to salaries is entirely justified.

Of deep concern to us has been the condition of the George H. Brown Auditorium. This room receives a great deal of use. It is the only place in the town where basketball can be played.

Because of the constant use of this room it is now in very poor condition. We have had the situation surveyed and have included in our budget a sum of money sufficient to put it back into good condition.

Your School Committee has visited all the schools of the town and the Fort Devens Elementary School during the year and we are satisfied with the activities we have observed. Every teacher appeared to be deeply involved in the task at hand. Fire drills were conducted during our visits and we assure all parents that this phase of school activity has not been neglected. We were somewhat amazed at the rapidity in which this function was performed.

Your Committee is well aware that the young men of our high school will feel the effect of the National Emergency. It is hoped that they will be accorded the privilege of completing their high school program before being called to active duty in the Armed Services.

In concluding this report we call to your attention the various reports which follow. By reading them you will be informed more in detail of the various activities of the public schools of this town.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL K. McGUANE, Chairman
WARREN A. WINSLOW, Secretary
DONALD R. GRIFFIN
School Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1950

ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURES

1950 Appropriation	$ 136,735.00	
Dog Tax Refund	689.22	
Total		$ 137,424.22

EXPENDITURES FOR SCHOOLS

1.	School Committee	
	(a) Expenses	$ 15.00
2.	Superintendent of Schools and Enforcement of Law	
	(a) Salaries and Other Expenses	6,169.73
3.	Principals	
	(a) Elementary	8,575.00
	(b) High	2,640.00
4.	Teachers and Supervisors	
	(a) Elementary	57,710.25
	(b) High	24,114.00
5.	Textbooks	
	(a) Elementary	2,062.06
	(b) High	332.30
6.	Expenses of Instruction	
	(a) Elementary	3,199.18
	(b) High	2,364.08
7.	Expenses of Operation, Wages of Janitors	
	(a) Elementary	7,141.60
	(b) High	4,153.64
8.	Fuel	
	(a) Elementary	5,380.78
	(b) High	710.92
9.	Repairs	
	(a) Elementary	1,458.30
	(b) High	2,302.52
10.	Health	
	(a) Elementary	1,050.00
	(b) High	350.00

11. Transportation		
(a) Elementary	$ 1,984.00	
(b) High	518.00	
12. Tuition		
(a) Elementary	65.43	
13. Miscellaneous		
(a) Elementary	1.60	
(b) High	1.65	
14. New Equipment		
(a) Elementary	624.34	
(b) High	1,801.74	
Total Expenditures		$ 134,726.12
Unexpended Balance		2,698.10

NET COST OF SCHOOLS FOR 1950

Total Expenditures			$ 134,726.12
Receipts:			
Tuition, Fort Devens Pupils	$ 38,329.82		
Tuition, Town of Shirley	4,776.00		
Tuition, Individuals	287.66		
Rentals	63.00		
Miscellaneous	1.00		
		$ 43,457.48	
Outstanding: From the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for School Year Ending June 30, 1950:			
Chapter 70—As Amend. Chap. 643	$ 40,601.49		
Union Superintendent's Sal.	2,234.16		
		$ 42,835.65	
Total			$ 86,293.13
Net Cost			$ 48,432.99

ATHLETIC ACCOUNT

AYER HIGH SCHOOL

October 19—Cash on hand		$ 126.41
December 19—Receipts to date		353.92
		$ 480.33
December 19—Bills paid to date		$ 110.00
On hand		370.33
		$ 480.33

ALFRED P. RICHARDSON
Principal

SPECIAL SCHOOL LUNCH ACCOUNT

This statement includes Ayer Junior-Senior High School Cafeteria, Fort Devens Elementary School Cafeteria, and Pleasant Street and East Main Street Schools Milk Program for the period:

September 1, 1950—December 31, 1950

Opening Cash Balance		$ 1,435.39	
Cash Receipts:			
Lunches	$ 7,269.14		
Reimbursements	1,717.16		
Miscellaneous	14.63		
		$ 9,000.93	
Total			$ 10,436.32
Expenditures:			
Food	$ 5,585.33		
Labor	2,595.00		
Other	298.96		
Total			$ 8,479.29
Balance, December 31, 1950			$ 1,957.03

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Gentlemen of the School Committee:

Herewith I present my fifth annual report, the sixty-second of this office.

For ready reference this report will be divided into several sub-heads.

PERSONNEL

The teaching staffs of the Pleasant Street and the East Main Street Schools have remained the same during the past year. At the Ayer Junior-Senior High School Miss Teresa O'Toole resigned in June and Miss Mary Gardner resigned in November. Miss Irene Roman, who graduated in June from Boston University, was appointed to fill the vacancy created by Miss O'Toole's resignation. Mrs. Ruth Dobson of Harvard has been teaching in Miss Gardner's place and will remain with us until we are able to find a well qualified candidate for this position.

At the Fort Devens Elementary School the following teachers resigned effective in June of the past year: Mrs. Marguerite Byers, Mrs. Bernice Groom and Mrs. Grace Brownlee. To fill the vacancies created by these resignations and to care for the increased enrollments at the Fort Devens Elementary School the following teachers have been added to the staff: Mrs. Ursula Sowa, Grade 6; Mrs. Ruth Denahy, Grade 3; Mrs. Mary Paakki, Grade 1 and Mrs. Ethel Robertson, Grade 2. Of these four only one has had no previous teaching experience.

FORT DEVENS PUPILS

During the past year the Fort Devens Elementary School has operated as an integral part of the Ayer Public Schools. The only responsibility assumed by the Army has been to provide the building, heat, light, water and transportation. From January thru June tuition for the education of Army dependents was paid by the Army in accordance with Circular

95 which prohibits payment in excess of the actual per pupil cost or $120.00 per pupil, whichever was the lesser. However, effective in September 1950 Public Law 874 became effective. This law permits full tuition payment for dependent children whose parents live and work on the Post and half tuition payment for dependent children whose parents work on but live off the Post and in Ayer. This Public Law will affect over five hundred pupils attending our schools. The town should receive full tuition for between three hundred and three hundred and fifty pupils and half tuition for approximately one hundred and sixty pupils. The income from these pupils should be at least sixty thousand dollars.

REPAIR AND IMPROVEMENTS

During the past year the following new equipment was purchased and installed in the Manual Training Room:

Circular Saw		Sander
Jointer		Jig Saw
Band Saw	Lathe	Drill Press

The walls and ceilings of the following rooms in the High School were newly painted: rooms 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, the Principal's Office and the boys' and girls' lavatories. The floors of rooms 13 and 14 and the Principal's Office were sanded and refinished. Four new bubbler fountains were installed in the gymnasium, the corridor of the High School, East Main Street School and Pleasant Street School. Four new exit light fixtures were installed in the gymnasium, two emergency lights were installed at the two main exits from the gym and new outside lights were installed at the front exits of the high School Building. The upper story of the back side of the East Main Street School was screened over to prevent pigeons from entering. Ten new typewriters were purchased to replace a like number that were between ten and fifteen years old. A Standard Duplicating Machine was purchased for the Commercial Department. The old Bell-Howell Motion Picture Projector was exchanged for a new Ampro-Stylist Projector. A Viewlfex Strip Film Projector was purchased for use in classroom teaching.

STATE AID FOR SCHOOLS—1950

In November 1950 the following communication was received:

To the Superintendent of Schools:

This is to inform you that I have certified to the Commissioner of Taxation and the Comptroller that the following reimbursements are due your town for the school year ending June 30, 1950:

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Raymond A. Fitzgerald
Deputy Commissioner of Education

Chapter 70 as amended 1948	$ 40,601.49
Union Superintendent's Salary	2,234.16
Total	$ 42,835.65

In 1949 the amount certified by the Office of Education was $33,136.49. The net increase in Aid is $9,699.16.

NEW STATE LAWS RELATING TO EDUCATION

A brief note in regard to new laws affecting public schools is included in this report because of the immediate effect these laws have on our school program.

Chapter 417—Acts of 1950—Regarding School Lunch Programs—Hereafter all receipts from the sale of school lunches together with any money received from the State under the National School Lunch Act shall be deposited with the Town Treasurer and all expenditures for the operation of the School Cafeterias shall be paid by the Town Treasurer from these funds.

Chapter 650—Acts of 1950—Regarding Athletics—All receipts from athletic activities shall be deposited with the Town Treasurer and all expenses relative to athletic activities shall be paid for by the Town Treasurer from these receipts.

Chapter 732—Acts of 1950—Regarding X-raying of school personnel—All persons connected with the public

schools who in any way come in contact with pupils shall, before July 1, 1951, file with the School Superintendent a report of X-ray showing freedom from tuberculosis. This examination shall be repeated at three-year intervals. The following persons are included: school superintendent, principals, teachers, food handlers, janitors, bus drivers, nurses, doctors or any other person whose duties bring him into direct contact with pupils.

THE SCHOOL BUDGET

It is hoped that the citizens of this town understand the magnitude of our school problems. During the past few years our school enrollment has increased from about six hundred to over a thousand. The number of personnel and the amount of materials to operate our schools has increased in proportion to our school population. During the past year much has been accomplished and in spite of the projects completed during the year it has been possible to end the year with a substantial balance in the budget.

Your School Committee and Superintendent have met with the teachers and discussed the salary situation with them. It has become evident that our present salaries are thoroughly inadequate in the light of present economic conditions. At the request of the teaching staff a salary schedule has been worked out which calls for a greater differential between minimum and maximum salary and added increases for years of service beyond the maximum. Also, the Committee has decided upon certain amounts to be paid for services considered to be in excess of the normal duties of a regular teacher. The schedule is as follows:

	No Degree	*Bachelor's Degree*	*Master's Degree*
1st Step	$2,100.00	$2,400.00	$2,700.00
2nd Step	2,200.00	2,500.00	2,800.00
3rd Step	2,300.00	2,600.00	2,900.00
4th Step	2,400.00	2,700.00	3,000.00
5th Step	2,500.00	2,800.00	3,100.00
6th Step	2,600.00	2,900.00	3,200.00
7th Step	2,700.00	3,000.00	3,300.00
8th Step	2,800.00	3,100.00	3,400.00
9th Step	2,900.00	3,200.00	3,500.00

Extra increases beyond the ninth step to be at the rate of $100.00 for each five years of service not to exceed $400.00 for twenty year of service.

It is the opinion of the Committee that the schedule cannot be put into effect all at one time but rather it would be well to do this over a three-year period granting three hundred dollar increases each January until everyone has gained his rightful place on the schedule.

SCHOOL CAFETERIAS

At the outset of my comments on our school cafeterias I wish to note the passing away of Mrs. Alice Burdell, Assistant at the Junior-Senior High School Cafeteria. Mrs. Burdell left the cafeteria in early September because of illness and entered the Groton Hospital where she remained until her death in early December. Mrs. Burdell had gained the friendship of all those who came into contact with her and her passing is deeply felt by her many associates.

The fact that we have been able to continue our lunch program at twenty cents per day is in itself a reflection of the capable management we have in both the Fort Devens Elementary School Cafeteria and the one at the Ayer Junior-Senior High School. It is not known at the present time how long we will be able to continue at this rate. Much depends upon the general economic conditions that prevail.

Plans are still in the making for starting cafeteria service at the Pleasant Street School. Most of the necessary dishes and trays have already arrived and the balance is on order. Miss Almeda King from the State Office of School Lunch Programs is at the present time studying the Pleasant Street School physical setup to determine just how this program can best be carried out.

It is suggested that you refer to the financial statement of the Cafeterias.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The report of the Ayer High School Principal will tell you of the many and varied activities that have taken place there.

The usual activities of the Elementary Schools have taken

place. Parent attendance has been exceptionally good. It is hoped that parents will continue to visit our schools for various activity programs and also during regular sessions.

COMMUNITY INTEREST AND COOPERATION

Your School Committee and Superintendent appreciate the interest and cooperation of parents, teachers, civic and fraternal organizations. We note with thanks the many efforts of the P.T.A., the Ayer K. of C., the American Legion and the many organizations and individuals who have donated prizes.

CONCLUSION

I wish to record here my appreciation of the cooperation extended me by the School Committee, the teachers, parents and many organizations. Your continued cooperation will be greatly appreciated during the critical days ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD G. NORTON,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Members of the School Committee and Superintendent of Schools:

I hereby submit my sixth annual report as High School Principal.

The enrollment of the school is 228, distributed as follows:

	Boys	*Girls*	*Total*
Freshmen	38	44	82
Sophomores	23	30	53
Juniors	22	28	50
Seniors	22	20	42
Post-Graduates	—	1	1
Totals	105	123	228

At the present moment the membership is 206, a decrease of 22 from the above figures. This shrink is unusually high, but explained by the fact that 13 were children of army personnel who were transferred elsewhere, 4 others moved away, 2 left to go to work because of family circumstances, and 2 transferred to other schools. Only one quit because of discouragement. The present indication is that next June we shall have a graduating class of 36, provided that our older boys are not affected by changes in the draft regulations.

We were fortunate in retaining, with only one exception, our staff of experienced teachers. In June, Miss Teresa O'Toole resigned to be married. She has been replaced by Miss Irene Roman, a graduate of Boston University. Miss Roman teaches commercial subjects and also coaches the girls' basketball team. I feel that we have been fortunate in our choice.

The attendance since the opening of school in September has been good, an average of 94.5%. It would be even better were it not for a few chronic offenders, who are absent for what I consider the most trivial of reasons. A year ago your committee adopted the rule that a pupil absent more than

10% of the time must satisfy the committee as to the reason for such excessive absences. This rule has had a most salutary effect, but there are still some who are skating on very thin ice. I have said it before, but I still feel that in many cases the real offender is not the pupil but the parent. The importance of regular attendance cannot be overemphasized.

Thirty-eight pupils were graduated last June. It was a good class. Honors were awarded to thirteen, nine of them being high honors. Fifteen of the class are continuing their educations beyond high school. I have had reports from the colleges which indicate that they are succeeding.

Right now the outlook for our boys in school is gloomy. They feel, and I think rightly so, that there is little use in planning on a college career, as conditions now are. Mr. Wesolowski, in his Guidance work with the boys, has met with little or no interest in future schooling. Their chief question is what branch of the armed services offers them the most, and it is with this problem that he is now working.

In Athletics we have not fared well. I regret that we have had so little success. I sympathize with the coaches who have worked long and faithfully with the boys, but who just could not seem to instill into them that final spark which leads to victory. Their conduct and sportsmanship were excellent, and in these respects they were a credit to the school. The girls on the other hand had a successful season. It is too bad that we cannot offer them as complete an athletic program as we give to the boys. I hope the day is not too far away when we can have a trained, full-time woman athletic director doing the same work with the girls as Mr. Provinzano now does with the boys.

The cafeteria continues to flourish. Every day we serve a well-balanced hot meal to approximately 200 pupils at a price of 20c per pupil. All credit for its success is due to its efficient manager, Mrs. Anna Markham. Furthermore, she is able to accumulate a little surplus, all of which is used to improve the service.

We are well equipped with visual aids in Education. We have a new sound motion-picture projector that is light enough to be carried from class-room to class-room. We have also a

still projector for slides and strip films. We are accumulating a library of the latter, particularly in the field of Science. It is my own opinion that the strip-film in many respects possesses more educational value than the movie-film.

We have carried on the various other school activities the same as in other years. In addition the Senior Class published for the first time a Year Book. Because of the expense involved, we entered upon this enterprise with some doubts as to its outcome, but with financial help from local business men and women, we were able to produce an attractive little booklet. This project was supervised by Miss McCarthy.

I personally wish to thank this group of men and women as well as the various other individuals and organizations for their many acts of generosity in behalf of the school and for their interest in its welfare.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation to my fellow teachers, the Superintendent, and the School Committee for their fine spirit of cooperation, as we all work together with the common desire to improve our school.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED P. RICHARDSON,

Principal.

REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

At the opening of the school term there were one hundred and fifty-four new students in the Ayer public schools. Of this group there were sixty-seven or a little over 43% in need of some kind of medical attention. Five hundred and thirty-six had been previously enrolled. There were in this group eighty-four or 15.67% with new medical problems.

One hundred and fifty-four children whose problems had been reported at previous examinations were found in need of medical attention this year. This group represents nearly half of the total number of defects found.

The school census at the time of the examinations was six hundred and ninety.

Totals of problems found:

Skin ailments	6
Eye problems	7
Enlarged tonsils	13
Swollen cervical glands	7
Heart irregularities and defects	21
Pronated feet	74
Dental defects	195
Abnormal musculature (pronounced)	1
Hernias	2
Poor nutrition	3
Undescended testicle	1
Long frenum of tongue	1
Frenum under upper lip	1
Hydrocele	2
Ear polyp	1
Total number of problems	335

The total number of children entering the Parochial School was seventy-nine. There were in this group thirty-eight or 48% with defects. The number from this group who

had previously attended school in Ayer was so small that it was impossible to ascertain accurate number and percentages of their problems whether old or new.

Total of problems found:

Skin ailments	2
Eye problems	2
Enlarged tonsils	2
Swollen cervical glands	6
Pronated feet	9
Dental defects	14
Abnormal musculature (pronounced)	1
Hernia	1
Undescended testicle	1
Total number of problems	38

The visual and audiometer tests are still in the process of being done.

I would like to express special appreciation to Miss Dorothy Helwig, Mrs. Emily Gionet and several members of the Parent-Teachers Association for their immense assistance. I would also like to add a word of gratitude to the Superintendent and to the teachers for so willingly allowing classes to be interrupted during the examination.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. McLEAN, M.D.

GRADUATION EXERCISES

of the

AYER HIGH SCHOOL

TOWN HALL

Wednesday Evening, June 14, 1950

Program

Processional

Overture—Progress of Youth *Herfurth*

School Orchestra

"Whispering Hope" *Hawthorne*

Girls' Chorus

Address

WILLIAM R. SHEPHERD

Vienna Life *Strauss-Gibb*

School Chorus

Presentation of Class Gift

Alfred F. Popoli, Class President

Acceptance of Class Gift

Donald R. Griffin, School Committee

Solo—Panis Angelicus *Franck*

John J. O'Keefe

Award of Prizes

Harold G. Norton, Superintendent of Schools

Presentation of Diplomas

Paul K. McGuane, Chairman of School Committee

Song of Courage *Clark*

Class of 1950

The National Anthem

Benediction

DR. HUGH PENNEY

Federated Church

Class Colors

Blue and Gold

Class Flower

Yellow Rose

Class Motto

In living, learn; in learning, live.

CLASS OF 1950

HELEN ELIZABETH ADAMSON
WILLIAM ALBERT ADAMSON
*JANET ELAINE AUCOIN
ARTHUR JOSEPH BOISSEAU
†THOMAS FRANCIS CALLAHAN
LAWRENCE JOHN CARTON
EDNA ARLENE EISNER
HOWARD HENDERSON FARMER, JR.
*JOANNE GERTRUDE FREEMAN
*CONSTANCE GILMAN
*WALTER THOMAS GROW
*CAROLYN ANN HALLETT
†BARBARA MARGUERITE HARMON
FRANK CARTER HARMON, JR.
JUNE LOUISE HERRIN
FRANCES MARIAN JONES
*CONSTANCE MARY LANTEIGNE
RITA JEANETTE LA PERLE
*MARIANNE KATHLEEN L'HEUREUX
WILMA TURNER LONGLEY
MARJORIE LOUISE McVEY
RUTH PATTERSON McQUEENEY
†GERALD EDWARD MURRAY
RUTH STONE OAKES
JOHN JOSEPH O'KEEFE
MARION ESTER PECK
†FRANCES ANN PERCIVAL
*JOAN MARIE PERRINO
THEODORE RUSSELL PILLMAN
ALBERT EVERESTE PINARD
ALFRED FRANCIS POPOLI
CLAUDIA LILLIAN POPOLI
*MARTHA FLORENCE ROBERTS
JENNIE ALICE SAVIN
JOAN BARBARA SCHWARTZ
JEAN CLAIR SIDILOU
ELLEN ANTHONY SIFAKIS
ERNEST FREDERICK TITUS, JR.

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* High Honor
† Honor

PRIZES

1. Special prize to Seniors for work in English, given by Gladys Porter Farwell, awarded to *Joan Perrino.*

2. Prize for Industry and Effort throughout the course, given by Joseph M. Connors Post #139, American Legion Auxiliary, awarded to *John O' Keefe.*

3. Prize for the best spirit of cooperation throughout the course, given by the Class of 1922, equally divided between *Constance Lantiegne* and *Marianne L' Heureux.*

4. Prize for excellence in Stenography and Typewriting, given by Court Our Lady of Fatima, No. 1495, Catholic Daughters of America, equally divided between *Janet Aucoin* and *Carolyn Hallett.*

5. Prize for excellence in Mathematics, given by Marion Dwinell Whitcomb, awarded to *Martha Roberts.*

6. Prize for outstanding work in the field of Science, awarded by Parent-Teacher Association—two years' subscription to the *Science Digest,* awarded to *Thomas Grow.*

7. Prize given by Laura S. Leavitt for excellence in Foreign Languages, Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, awarded to *Joanne Freeman.*

8. Good Citizen Certificate presented by the National Society of the American Revolution, awarded to *Janet Aucoin.*

9. Prize to person on Staff of the *Ayerian* making greatest contribution toward success of the school paper, presented by *Turner's Public Spirit*—two years' subscription to *Time* magazine, awarded to *Carolyn Hallett.*

10. The Robert E. Dancause memorial trophy, given by Ayer Fraternal Order of Eagles, for excellence in athletics, awarded to *Alfred Popoli.*

11. Washington and Franklin Medal for excellence in American History awarded to *Loretta Hurley.*

12. Susan M. Barker Prize to Seniors for English Essay on "Fifty Years of Progress in Transportation." Triple Tie—*Joanne Freeman, Thomas Grow, Joan Perrino.*

13. Ayer Woman's Club to Juniors for English Essay.

First Prize—Handicrafts of New England by Allen H. Eaton—awarded to *Doris Green.*

Second Prize—The Peabody Sisters of Salem by Louise Hall Tharp—awarded to *Loretta Hurley.*

Third Prize—The House of Seven Gables by Nathaniel Hawthorne—awarded to *Betty Boisseau.*

Patrons of Husbandry to Sophomores for English Essay

14. Ayer Grange No. 300.

First Prize—*Jean Penney.*

Second Prize—*Ruth Hayward.*

George S. Boutwell W. R. C. and Robert Burns Lodge No. 159, I. O. O. F. to Freshmen for English Essay

First Prize—The Diplomat by James Aldridge—awarded to *Ann Green.*

Second Prize—Mr. Midshipman Hornblower by C. S. Forester—awarded to *Jane Marcelais.*

HONOR ROLL

Figures denote number of half-years of perfect attendance, neither absent, tardy, nor dismissed:

AYER HIGH SCHOOL

Betty Aucoin..... 1
Janet Aucoin..... 1
Barina Autino..... 1
Arthur Boisseau..... 1
Paul Boisseau..... 1
Elizabeth Davin..... 1
Noreen Dufresne..... 1
Woodrow Hawbecker.... 2
Marion Hadley..... 1
Hazel Nichols..... 1
Gertrude Porter..... 1
John Roderiques..... 1
Raymond Smith..... 1
William Adamson..... 1
Dorothy Cormier..... 1
Barbara Durivage..... 2
Ann Green..... 2
James Guthrie..... 1
Constance Gilman..... 1
Pauline Hamel..... 1
Barbara Howe..... 1
Raymond Howe..... 1
Ann Phillips..... 2
David Rockwood..... 1
Richard Shaw..... 1
Clarence Titus..... 1
Ernest Titus..... 1

AYER JUNIOR-HIGH SCHOOL

Philip Freitus..... 1
Elizabeth Griffin..... 1
Paul Kicza..... 2
Glenn Pasanen..... 2
Gail Pirone..... 2
Robert Pirone..... 2
Peter Noddin..... 2
Jean Wilder..... 1
Marion Smith..... 1
Patricia Herrin..... 1
Harold Smith..... 1
Dorothy Williams..... 1
Carole Brazeau..... 2
Rosemarie Burns..... 1
Theresa Cote..... 1
Barbara Jones..... 1
Margaret Smith..... 1
Cynthia Slarsky..... 1
Paul Hamel..... 1
Norma Mahoney..... 1

EAST MAIN STREET SCHOOL

Geraldine Keyes..... 2
Sarah Aldrich..... 1
Nancy Spooner..... 1
Judith Gardner..... 1
Sheila Murry..... 2

PLEASANT STREET SCHOOL

Sheila Bastian	1	John Tessier	1
Anne Doran	2	Patricia Wheeler	1
Martha Winchester	2	Charlotte Lambert	2
Charles Tessier	1	Richard Barrett	1
Carol Cornellier	1	Elizabeth Corliss	1
Joan Craft	1	Phyllis Kidder	1
Douglas Jackson	1	Helen Porter	1
Robert Harrington	1	Caroline Tessier	1
John Powers	2	Richard Hamel	2
Sheila Slarskey	3	Sally Smith	2
Ruth Watts	1	Mary Hudlin	1
Bruce Winchester	1	Harold Kicza	2
Roland Morse	1	Gene Stringer	2
Jean Dutrizac	1	David Howe	1
Maureen Hurley	1	Marvin Wright	1
John Boisseau	1	Joseph Allen	1

John Barrett 1

FORT DEVENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Sharon Burwell	1	Edward Brown	1
Sharon Johnson	1	John Euell	1
Patricia Richie	1	Harry Hamilton	1
Russell Colburn	1	Barbara Tobin	1
Brigitta Brown	1	Myrna Martin	1
Joan Hamilton	1	Ingeborg Kartanos	1
Martha Bradford	1	Jo Anne Oliver	1
Rodney McLean	1	Janice Ritchie	1
Walter Gilbert	1	Phillip Berry	2
Janet Blackburn	1	Anna Bell Williams	1
George Matthews	1	Myrna Brazeau	1

Janet Koons 1

SCHOOL CENSUS—1950

	5–7	7–16
Boys	80	286
Girls	81	264
Total	161	550

Distribution:		
In Public School Membership	88	518
In Vocational School Membership	0	2
In Private School Membership	60	27
Not in any school	13	3
Total	161	550

MEMBERSHIP IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Grade 1	139	
Grade 2	160	
Grade 3	104	
Grade 4	91	
Grade 5	98	
Grade 6	71	
Grade 7	64	
Grade 8	59	
Grade 9	78	
Grade 10	51	
Grade 11	48	
Grade 12	38	
Grade 13	1	
Total		1,002

REGISTER OF TEACHERS, 1950-1951

School	Name	Education	Appointed
Ayer Junior-Senior High School	Alfred P. Richardson, Prin.	Harvard, A.B., L.L.B.	September 1920
	Alice R. McCarthy, Asst. Prin.	Salem Teachers College, B.S. Ed.	November 1916
	Helen McGuane	Boston University, A.B., M.Ed.	September 1933
	Margaret Donovan	Jackson College, A.B.	September 1944
	Anna H. Gray	University of Wisconsin	March 1936
	Frank Provinzano	Boston University, B.S.	September 1947
	Irene Roman	Boston University, A.B.	September 1950
	Robert Hayden	Harvard, A.B.—Boston University, A.M.	January 1948
	Milton R. Burns	Tufts College, B.S.	September 1939
	Orren Bradstreet	Fitchburg Teachers College, B.S.Ed.	September 1949
	Sigmund Wesolowski	Notre Dame, B.S.	September 1949
	Elizabeth Sullivan	Fitchburg Teachers College	April 1919
	Mary M. Joyce	Regis College, A.B.	May 1942
	Mary Gardner (resigned Nov. 30, 1950)	Madawaska Training School	December 1945
	Warren P. Rooney	Fitchburg College, B.S. Ed.	September 1947
Pleasant Street			
Grade 6, Prin.	Rena P. Hurley	Plymouth Teachers College, N. H.	September 1944
Grade 5 and 6	Ethel Kinney	Fitchburg Teachers College	September 1927
Grade 5	Lauretta Cushing	Boston University, A.B.	September 1949
Grade 4	N. Agnes Mullin	Fitchburg Teachers College	September 1944
Grade 3	Gertrude O'Neil	Fitchburg Teachers College	September 1921
Grades 3 and 4	Gertrude Chisholm	Lowell Teachers College	October 1948

School	Name	Education	Appointed
Grade 2	Elizabeth Markham, Asst. Prin.	Fitchburg Teachers College	September 1915
Grade 1	Alice Hale	Plymouth Teachers College	September 1915
East Main St. School			
Grade 1	Emma Oliver, Prin.	Keene Teachers College, N. H.	September 1930
Grade 2	Julia McGovern	Fitchburg Teachers College	September 1948
Fort Devens Elementary School			
Prin.	Pauline Downing	Lowell Teachers College	September 1945
Grade 6	Ursula Sowa	Fitchburg Teachers College	October 1950
Grade 5	Ellen Ford	Lady of The Elms, A.B.	September 1949
Grade 4	Marion Hall	Fitchburg Teachers College	September 1949
Grade 3	Edna Salman	Fitchburg Teachers College	September 1948
Grade 3	Ruth Denehy	Fitchburg Teachers College	November 1950
Grade 2	Edith Graves	Fitchburg Teachers College	September 1949
Grade 2	Fredrika Roberts	University of Vermont	September 1945
Grade 2	Ethel Robertson	Kent University (Ohio)	November 1950
Grade 1	Charleen Sullivan	Bridgewater Teachers College	October 1948
Grade 1	Dorothy Parent	Leslie	September 1949
Grade 1	Mary Paakki	Fitchburg Teachers College	November 1950
Music	Mary Boyle	Private Teachers, Lowell Teachers College	September 1933
Art	Eleanor Attridge	Exeter School of Art	September 1933

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1951-1952

School	Winter Term 1951		Spring Term 1951		Summer Term 1951		Fall Term 1951		Winter Term 1952
	Begins	Ends	Begins	Ends	Begins	Ends	Begins	Ends	Begins
Junior-Senior High School	Jan. 2	Feb. 16	Feb. 26	Apr. 13	Apr. 23	June 22	Sept. 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 2
Grades 1 - 6	Jan. 2	Feb. 16	Feb. 26	Apr. 13	Apr. 23	June 15	Sept. 5	Dec. 21	Jan. 2

SCHOOL SESSION

Ayer Junior and Senior High School—8:15 A. M.—1:45 P. M.
Ayer Elementary School Grades 1-6—8:30—11:45 A. M.—12:45—2:45 P. M.

HOLIDAYS

May 30, October 12, November 11, Thanksgiving and the Friday following.
School Committee Meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month, September-June in the Superintendent's Office of the Ayer Junior-Senior High School Building.

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